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Hunt on for top student leaders

BEIJING, June 14, (Agencies): China tightened its clampdown on dissident student activists yesterday, ordering police to hunt down 21 fugitive leaders of the democracy movement that was crushed by martial-law troops on June 4.

State television announced the nation-wide hunt after authorities warned protesters they risked being shot if they took to the streets again.

The government, meanwhile, ordered police to seal borders against a possible escape attempt by dissident scientist Fang Lizhi and his wife, who are sheltering in the US embassy from an arrest warrant for counter-revolutionary activities.

Television showed pictures and gave detailed descriptions of the 21 student activists who led the occupation of Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

"After receiving this arrest warrant, police in every province and region on railways, airlines, highways and border posts must immediately deploy units to arrest them, and stop them escaping from the country," a Public Security Ministry order said.

At the top of the list were Wang Dan of Beijing University and Wu'er Kaixi and Chai Ling of Beijing Normal University, the major figures in the student-led movement for a free China.

"Wu'er Kaixi is one of the big heads of the organisation. He spoke all over to fan the flames of the movement," the television broadcast said.

The television broadcast videotape, taken by a hidden camera, of Wu'er Kaixi eating at a "certain high-class hotel" with his girlfriend May 29. It also showed him speaking through a megaphone at pro-democracy rallies.

"From this we can clearly see the ugly face of the student union leaders," the announcer said.

The broadcasts included details such as height, skin complexion and accent of the wanted students.

Chinese leaders had previously stressed that the students would face no reprisals, but the tone has changed since hardliners under paramount leader Deng Xiaoping, 84, consolidated their grip on power.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people died when troops and tanks quashed the student-led occupation of the centre of Beijing in a move that has prompted criticism from Western countries.

Premier Li Peng defended the action, saying the protest could have toppled 40 years of Communist Party rule.

"If we hadn't imposed martial law and called in the troops, the country could have fallen into a counter-revolutionary rebellion which could not have been suppressed," he told party and government leaders yesterday.

Li also demanded that government and Communist Party officials fully support the Army's bloody suppression of the movement.

In a comment apparently aimed at Western countries considering further retaliatory (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Japan hunts sadist killer

TOKYO, June 13, (UPI): Japan launched its biggest manhunt in recent years today for a killer who dismembered the body of a five-year-old girl and is also suspected in the abduction-slayings and disappearance of three other girls in the past 10 months, police said.

Police said remains of Yoko Nomoto were discovered Sunday morning in a cemetery in Hanno city in Saitama prefecture (state) north of Tokyo.

They said only the nude torso of the girl was found. Her head, arms and legs were missing and apparently had been cut off with a saw.

It was the first case in Japan since 1957 that a child's body had been dismembered, police said.

Nearly 700 police from Tokyo and Saitama were mobilised in the search effort today, checking more than 800 households in the neighbourhood and checking out leads of suspicious vehicles parked in the area.

Syria sees conspiracy as shelling raises toll

DAMASCUS, June 13, (Agencies): Syria urged all Lebanese and Arab world today to realise the dangers of what it said was a conspiracy against Lebanon led by Iraq and backed by Israel.

The official Al Baath newspaper of Syria's ruling Baath Party accused Christian Lebanese Army commander Major General Michel Aoun of being used to extend Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

The editorial was published as Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi shuttled between rival leaders in Beirut, working to end the crisis after talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

"All Lebanese and Arabs are called on to release the dangers of the conspiracy led by Iraq against Lebanon in co-operation with Israel," the newspaper said.

"The continuation of this conspiracy does not only endanger Lebanese and

Syrian security but threatens all Arab security."

Al Baath accused Aoun, who is campaigning for a Syrian troop withdrawal from Lebanon before talks on political reforms, of opposing the Lebanese people's desire for freedom and equality.

"Iraq and its ally Israel are utilising Aoun's stupidity to extend Lebanon's civil war which was about to end," it said.

Syria, the main foreign power broker

in Lebanon where it has an estimated 40,000 troops, backs a Muslim-led cabinet vying for power with Aoun, who is supported militarily and politically by Iraq.

Syrian and Christian gunners fought a five-hour shelling duel around Beirut today.

Police said four people were wounded in the duel with howitzers, tank cannons and recoilless rifles along the southeastern flank of the Christian

enclave.

The latest casualties brought the overall toll to 367 people killed and 1,436 wounded since March 8, when the current round of violence broke out.

A spokesman for Aoun's command accused Syrian gunners of provoking the duel by shelling his troops' positions around the mountain resort of Souk Al Gharb, southeast of Beirut.

The mountain peak town commands a network of roads connecting the

Syrian-controlled Druze mountains with the Christian enclave.

The spokesman said Syrian gunners also shelled Beirut's Christian suburbs of Kfarshima and Hadath.

Aoun's gunners, according to the spokesman, "responded in kind to the enemy fire" which came from the Syrian-controlled Druze village of Aitah, south of Souk Al Gharb and Beirut's Druze suburb of Shouaifat.



Maskhetian women gather at a refugee camp in Fergana, Uzbekistan, following renewed ethnic violence. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gorbachev puts blame on fundamentalism for riots

BONN, June 13, (Reuters): Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev said today Islamic fundamentalism was aggravating ethnic unrest in Soviet Uzbekistan, adding that calm had not returned after more than a week of rioting.

Gorbachev spoke briefly to reporters at the Soviet embassy in Bonn before meeting West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

"In Uzbekistan the situation is still unset-

led," he said. "It turned out that it is not only a question of inter-ethnic relations, but fundamentalism has bared its teeth."

Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov had gone to the Central Asian republic, where more than 100 people have died, to examine the trouble "on the spot", Gorbachev said.

Asked whether the situation was interfering with his Bonn visit, which began yesterday, Gorbachev answered good-naturedly:

"Everything influences it — even the sun and the clouds."

"But it would be an illusion to think that the President of the Soviet Union could have a quiet life," he said, prompting a chuckle from Genscher and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, who were standing nearby.

See Uzbek tense Page 4

Bahraini lady supports polygamy

Wife looks for a second wife

BAHRAIN, June 13, (AFP): A Bahraini wife, who defends polygamy, is personally looking for a second wife for her husband and has headed the ground floor of her house so that the new wife can live there.

However, the husband does not believe his wife to be serious as they have seven children and enjoy a happy marital life.

The wife said she is now looking for an adult female who is a Muslim and bears a good reputation. She said that she enthusiastically calls for polygamy and expressed sorrow at the increase in the number of female spinsters in the Bahraini society in addition to widows and divorcees including exorbitant dowries. She added that polygamy is an

opportunity for those women who are unmarried to build a family and is also an opportunity for Muslim men to legally enjoy sharing their lives with other women.

Reactions to this call by the lady differ, but generally most men welcomed it. A large section of men inundated the newspaper which published the story with

telephone calls asking for the address of the woman so that they could send their wives to be influenced by the woman's view on polygamy.

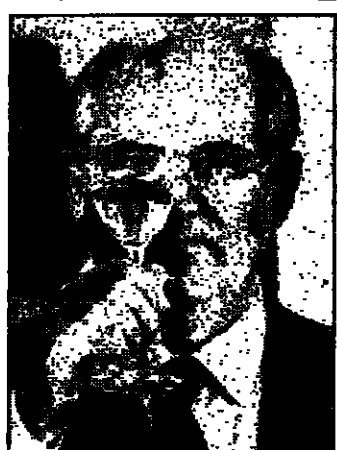
A reader pointed out that Islam permitted polygamy on the condition that husbands should treat all wives equally.

However, a high ranking official at the Bahraini Ministry of Information deplored the call of the Bahraini woman towards polygamy. He said that it could be exploited by weak Muslims. He added that if his wife asked him to look for a second wife, he would divorce her because it indicated that she did not love him any more.

Women readers said that the media had given undue prominence to the story which will give the green light to married men to marry more than one woman.

The Ayam newspaper published a caricature of a fat man carrying two of his wives on his shoulders and carrying a large leaflet which stated: "From now on there will be no more long single life and that bachelors had no existence in Islamic countries."

The director of a woman's society in Bahrain deplored the call of polygamy and said that it is un-Islamic.



A toast

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev offers a toast to the guests at a state dinner hosted by W. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

(Reuter wirephoto)

Saudis, Soviets to establish ties soon

KUWAIT, June 13, (KUNA): Saudi Arabia and the Soviet Union will shortly re-establish diplomatic relations, Soviet Ambassador in Cairo Genady Goraflav was today quoted by the press here as saying.

The Soviet envoy, however, gave no exact date for the step but assured it would be taken in the near future.

The Soviet Union was one of the first countries to recognise the Saudi kingdom in 1926 but diplomatic relations between Moscow and Riyadh were later severed in the 30s.

Goraflav, regarded as one of the Soviet policy-makers in the Middle East, told a local daily

that the visits to Moscow and Jeddah made respectively by Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister and Ambassador in Kabul Yuli Vorontsov as well as the subsequent conclusion of trade agreements between the two countries are indicators of the rapidly developing ties.

On the stalled Iraq-Iran peace negotiations, the envoy said his country would make use of its good ties with both to stabilise the current ceasefire and reinstate permanent peace between the two sides on the basis of Security Council Resolution 598 calling for an end to the Gulf war.

Kuwaiti held

KUWAIT, June 13, (KUNA): An official security source said today that a Kuwaiti businessman who had absconded from justice, was recently arrested in Tunisia. Ahmad Salem Al Muhana was being chased by the Interpol at the request of the state of Kuwait.

The source added that Al Muhana will be brought back to Kuwait after Tunisia agrees to a request for extradition.

Allies forswear violence if Marcos allowed to return

MANILA, June 13, (AP): Supporters of Ferdinand Marcos told a Senate committee today they will forswear violence if the government allows the ousted president to return from exile in Hawaii.

"We are not a violent group," Marcos' lawyer Rafael Recto told the Senate defence committee. "We have never killed anyone ... and we have never resorted to violence. This is based on expressed orders from president Marcos, and we continue to take orders from him. We can assure the government of Mrs

Aquino that there will be no destabilisation if she allows Marcos to return."

President Corason Aquino has refused to allow the ailing Marcos to return, citing national security. She has also refused to allow him to be buried in the Philippines if he dies in Hawaii, where he has lived since leaving the Philippines in 1986.

Marcos supporters are believed to have been behind at least some of the six armed attempts to topple the Aquino administration since the popular uprising that ousted Marcos

and forced him into exile.

But Nicanor Yunquez, former speaker of the Marcos-era National Assembly, told the committee that "the destabilisation of the government is very far from our minds."

The committee began hearings last week on the legal implications of Mrs Aquino's order. Marcos' supporters claim the ban order violates the Philippine constitution and the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights.

Cops hit mosque

ASSIUT, Egypt, June 13, (AP): Seven people were wounded and 20 were arrested when police used tear gas to storm a mosque today after 200 Muslim fundamentalists staging a sit-in allegedly started shooting at security forces, a police source said.

The 200 fundamentalists had started their sit-in to protest an incident on Sunday when police shot and wounded one of them and arrested another.

The police source, who declined to be named, said that the fundamentalists had tried to shoot at the police from inside the mosque. He said police troops then stormed the mosque using tear gas. Seven fundamentalists were wounded with gun shots and hospitalised and another 20 of the leaders of the Islamic group were arrested, the police source said.

He said police forces were still surrounding the now empty mosque.



Kanj: firm

Cleric makes it clear Hostages stay

SIDON, Lebanon, June 13, (Reuters): A senior cleric with links to Lebanon's pro-Iranian Hezbollah said today Shiite Muslims would not free any Western hostages held in Lebanon.

Hezbollah had repeatedly denied any involvement in the abducting of hostages. Seventeen Westerners are missing, believed kidnapped, in Lebanon.

In what appeared to be an admission that Hezbollah was involved, Sheikh Zuhair Kanj said: "We announce that we refuse to free hostages even if the (Iranian) assets kept in American banks are unfrozen."

He told reporters in the southern Lebanese port of Sidon: "Those hostages are spies. We insist on holding them because this will humiliate the United States and (President George) Bush."

Kanj is also a member of the Sidon-based Islamic Ulema — a coalition of extremist Muslim clerics loyal to Iran. He had just returned from the funeral of Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini in Tehran.

Kanj, who keeps a low profile, is a strong influence in Hezbollah. A Shiite Muslim analyst said his statement reflected views of pro-Iranian militants opposed

to any concessions to the West. "We advise Western countries to disengage themselves from American politics and start a new relationship with Iran," Kanj said.

Security sources said he was apparently responding to an offer last week from Iranian parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani to help free Americans hostages.

Rafsanjani said any such assistance depended on Washington helping to trace three Iranians missing in Lebanon since 1982.

The Bismarck found

THE National Housing Authority (NHA) is over-extending itself in its quest for saving state funds. Such savings are achieved by several means. Paramount, is the fact that the NHA is a government authority and has a high level of leverage.

While saving money for the state is a commendable concept, the NHA should not forget that it has made many contractors and contracting companies — all of them are Kuwaitis — bankrupt.

Some of these companies are indebted to local banks and the end result is that the government saves from one side and pays through another.

I want to know whether there is any party which has been involved with the NHA or the Ministry of Public Works business-wise and not ended a loser — if not bankrupt — as a result of the stringent rules and fines imposed.

We always impose fines on contractors when they commit mistakes — but have always overlooked mistakes committed by the state. We apply penalties on one side only. A humane approach should be adopted if we are not to cause miseries and bankruptcies.

Zahed Matar



The Bismarck found

The German World War II battleship 'Bismarck' has been found a mile down in the Atlantic Ocean by the same team which discovered the Titanic. The Bismarck is seen in a file photo from 1941 before being sunk by the Royal Navy. See story on Page 3. (Reuter wirephoto)



Reagan: critical

Reagan praises Chinese students

LONDON, June 13, (UPI): Former president Reagan paid tribute today to the Chinese students who gave their lives for democracy and warned Beijing that they cannot "massacre an idea."

In a 20-minute speech to the English Speaking Union's Churchill lecture at Guildhall today, he also praised "the man who gave our mother tongue such force and power, Sir Winston Churchill."

His private visit will also include meetings with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Queen Elizabeth.

Reagan said he had seen "the spirit of democracy loose upon the earth in recent months. The communications revolution is helping to set that spirit free. Amazing things are afoot in the world this spring."

He focused on China's turmoil in recent weeks in the address a spokesman said was called "the triumph of democracy." The former president praised the heroic Chinese students who put up a banner with the word "democracy" in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

"The Chinese government hasn't learned something very elemental," Reagan said. "You cannot run tanks over hope. You cannot riddle a people's yearning with bullets."

In scenes that reminded him of Churchill during World War II, he said, Chinese students and workers at military barricades had flashed 'V for Victory' signs with their hands.

Reagan also said the wave of democracy had washed over Hungary, where a multiparty system is evolving, and in Poland, where the most democratic elections in 40 years handed a defeat to the Communist Party in favour of the Solidarity union.

Even the Soviet Union, "the biggest of big brothers," is increasingly helpless against advances in information technology, he said.

Money sought for Cambodians

WASHINGTON, June 13, (AP): US military aid to non-communist factions in Cambodia should be increased from the \$7 million now planned to as much as \$30 million to help prevent the return to power of the Khmer Rouge, Congressman Stephen Solarz said yesterday.

"Providing military assistance to non-communist resistance forces will strengthen the ability of Cambodians wishing to resist the Khmer Rouge" after occupying Vietnamese forces are withdrawn in September, Solarz told a Senate foreign relations subcommittee.

"These are Cambodian forces who are willing to put their lives on the line in order to present a repetition of the Khmer Rouge holocaust," the New York Democrat said.

Solarz said he believes the \$7 million in military aid sought by the Bush administration is too little to do the job of strengthening anti-communist forces.

Students firebomb police

Protests in Korea

SEOUL, June 13, (AP): Radical students hurling rocks and firebombs fought riot police in Seoul and at least three provincial cities today in protest against a government crackdown on dissident movements.

The clashes came amid reports that President Roh Tae-Woo intends to shake up his cabinet and remove senior ministers he believes have not performed effectively.

Officials said about 40 people were injured in today's clashes in Seoul, Kwangju, Taejeon and Suncheon and that about 20 students were arrested.

In Seoul, students hurling rocks and firebombs clashed with riot police at six colleges, while peaceful protests were held at six other campuses. There were no reports of injuries or arrests.

Riot police in green combat fatigues and visored helmets ringed all the colleges to stop protesters

from marching into the streets.

About 300 protesters, some of them armed with wooden clubs and iron pipes, battled police with firebombs at Sogang University in western Seoul after the students marched out of the campus beating drums and waving flags.

Hundreds of riot troopers blocked nearby streets and hurled rocks at the students but did not use tear gas. Students hurling rocks battled riot police at nearby Yonsei University after they were blocked from marching out.

"Beat Roh Tae-Woo to death" and "Oust Roh Tae-Woo," students chanted.

Student leaders, speaking at campus rallies, denounced the government for a crackdown in recent weeks on dissident groups and demanded the release of scores of jailed dissident leaders.

Hunt on ...

(Continued from Page 1)

actions, Li warned foreign governments not to harm their interests in China.

"We hope that all countries that wish to keep and develop friendly relations with China will take a long-term view and avoid doing anything to hurt the feelings of the Chinese people at this time," he said.

The official New China News Agency said politburo member Qiao Guohua read a speech to the meeting, a privilege that could indicate he may be chosen to lead the party in place of reformist general secretary Zhao Ziyang.

Zhao, who took a more conciliatory line towards the students, has not been seen in almost four weeks and is believed to have lost his job.

Senior diplomats in Beijing, however, said they still could not say who was really in charge of China. Some said three factions were contending for control of the 47-million-member Communist Party.

In East Berlin, Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen made a surprise stopover and praised East Germany's support for the crushing of the students.

Moscow has also refrained from angering China following last month's historic Beijing visit by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

With the student protesters driven underground, authorities strove to show that the country had returned to normal and was again safe for foreign tourists and businessmen.



Wu'er Kaixi, shown on TV speaking through a megaphone at a pro-democracy rally. (Reuters wirephoto)

Search for missing plane

HONOLULU, June 13, (AP): Rescuers searched by air, sea and land yesterday for a sightseeing plane that vanished between the islands of Hawaii and Maui with 11 people aboard.

"No debris, no people, no nothing," said Coast Guard spokesman Scott Hartvigsen of the overnight search for the twin-engine Scenic Air Tours Hawaii plane that disappeared Sunday on what was to be a one-hour flight.

The twin-engine Beechcraft carrying a pilot and 10 tourists had left Hilo airport for Kahului airport and headed up Hawaii island's coast under partly sunny skies, disappearing without any indication of trouble, officials said.

Alenuihaha channel, which the plane would have had to cross to get to Maui, had rough seas at the time.

The last communication with the pilot was when he radioed an FAA ground station that he had taken off from Hilo for Maui, Harvey said.

The plane was on a six-island tour, said company owner Doris Tom.

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Uno: mum

Row over Uno sex scandal

TOKYO, June 13, (Reuters): An opposition party leader said today that a row over allegations that new Prime Minister Souda Uno had an extramarital affair with a geisha had shamed Japan and called on him to resign.

Illicit sexual liaisons, especially between married men and single women, have traditionally been tolerated in Japanese society and for a politician to have a mistress has been dismissed as commonplace.

But after major Western media picked up reports of Uno's alleged affair, opposition politicians began grilling him in parliament on the subject.

"This is a great shame for the Japanese people," said Japan Communist Party vice chairman Koichiro Ueda today. "You should resign, don't you think?" Uno declined to comment on the reports, saying it was a personal matter. He took office on June 2 to replace Noboru Takeuchi, who fell from grace in the Recruit shares-for-favours scandal.

The international attention the Uno scandal is generating is a profound national embarrassment, said professor Kuniko Inoguchi of Sophia University.

The Uno row has broken just as the country was trying to forget Recruit, its worst political scandal since World War Two. The combination of Uno's sex scandal, the April enactment of a highly unpopular sales tax and Recruit spell deep trouble for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party in upper house elections on July 23, political analysts say.

Endorse refugee plan: UN

Forced repatriation ruled out

GENEVA, June 13, (UPI): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar called today for urgent adoption of a plan to resolve the plight of huge numbers of Vietnamese boat people based on safe repatriation to their own country.

Perez de Cuellar made his appeal in opening a two-day conference convened by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to deal with a renewed surge in boat people as well as people fleeing Laos.

"It is a sad measure of the inability of the international community to address and resolve the root causes of mass displacements of persons, which have marked this century, that we should again convene in Geneva, a decade later, an international conference to deal essentially with the same humanitarian problem," the UN secretary-general said.

He referred to a conference in Geneva in July, 1979, which focused on finding asylum for Vietnamese boat people and other refugees in the region rather than their repatriation.

"Many of the assumptions made by the international community in the late seventies are no longer valid," Perez de Cuellar said.

"Analysis of the problem and the solution devised in 1979 were beginning to become outdated and insufficient since the very nature of the problem has changed," he said.

Jean-Pierre Hocke, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, in drawing up a "comprehensive plan of action," emphasized the return to their own country of the refugees because a majority of them are now so-called "economic" rather than political refugees who leave Vietnam to find a better life rather than because of danger.

As of May 31, the UNHCR reported, there were 83,296 Vietnamese boat people in camps and centres in East and South-East Asia, the highest number since 1979. There were also 75,100 Laotian refugees in camps in North Thailand. There were 32,080 new arrivals of boat people in the first five months this year, which was approaching the 45,530 for all of 1988.

Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger represented the United States at the two-day Geneva meeting and Britain sent Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

The United States pledged today to keep giving new homes to genuine Vietnamese refugees but also demanded political and economic reform in Vietnam as the only way to resolve the boat people problem.

Eagleburger said the United States fully supports UN's plan to deal with a recent renewed flood of refugees.

Eagleburger told the first day of the 2-day meeting that the United States has given new homes to 900,000 of the 1.5 million Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotians resettled in third countries since 1975.

"We will continue the historic effort of the American people to resettle bona fide refugees," he pledged, saying additional US personnel will be sent to Vietnam to double interviews of would-be migrants to 3,500 per month.

Vietnam's Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Co Thach, heading



Vietnamese refugees dumped in a temporary shelter, a ferry boat. (Reuters wirephoto)

Wandering Vietnamese

Home is not where heart is

HANOI, June 13, (Reuters): Wearing pyjama trousers and an olive green military shirt, Nguyen van Hiep helps make a living for his family by crushing sugar cane into sweet drinks for passers-by on a teeming street in muddy downtown Hanoi.

In another part of this poor and crowded city, Nguyen Tam works in a lowly shop whose narrow frontage, newly-painted a lurid green, stands out from its drab neighbours.

Hiep, 19, and Tam, 47, have one thing in common — they both risked their lives in flimsy boats to seek a golden future abroad but chose to return to the rigours of life at home when their hopes were dashed.

An international meeting in Geneva today aims to find ways to staunch the flow of boat people from Vietnam, give genuine refugees a new home and persuade the majority to follow Hiep and Tam home.

Despite signs of improvement in Vietnam's economy, shattered by decades of war, the number of people boarding tiny boats to leave surged in the past year to levels close to the highs of the late 1970s. Most have headed for Hong Kong, coast-hopping or making the trip overland across southern China. More than 40,000 now live in crowded camps and detention centres in the British colony.

Vietnam says it is trying to stop the flow by policing ports and border crossings, publicising the fate of refugees in foreign camps and prosecuting corrupt officials.

But it says the only real solution is to improve living standards in Vietnam — with the help of

Western countries which have isolated the communist state for the past 14 years.

"If foreign countries come and invest or give us aid I think it would be an important step towards solving this problem," said Deputy Foreign Minister Vu Khoan in an interview.

While Britain, Australia and other states at the Geneva conference are expected to back the idea of forced repatriation, this would not be acceptable to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and Vietnam says it would violate the generally accepted right to leave your own country.

"We don't force people to go abroad and if they want to come back we will accept them," said Tran Cong Man, editor-in-chief of the Army newspaper.

"If you force them back, overnight they will go again. This would not solve the problem. We would have to build concentration camps," he said.

Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia and other places which face an influx say most of the boat people are not political refugees but economic migrants to be classed as illegal immigrants.

Hiep, who went to Hong Kong last June and returned in May, said he went to try to find somewhere in the world to get a job.

"I came back because living here is better than in a camp," he said.

Tam, who left in July and returned in March, said he went partly to seek medical help for his second wife, who cannot have children.

"I did not like to live on other peoples' money. If I could not have any dream I thought it best to come home," he said.

his country's delegation, ruled out forced repatriation. "We strongly reject any form of coercion, this is a violation of human rights and could lead to unforeseen consequences."

De Cuellar urged governments to endorse the new rules but to exercise restraint in their approach to the refugees. "No issue of this kind can be successfully and durably resolved in isolation," he said.

About 200 villagers blocked a

road leading to the remote Sek Kong base in the new territories shouting they would take whatever action was needed to keep Vietnamese from being housed near their homes, witnesses said.

They dispersed after a government official said construction work would be temporarily halted.

No serious damage; danger of faults highlighted

Twin earthquakes rattle Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, June 13, (Agencies): A sharp earthquake and aftershock struck southern California yesterday morning, stranding people in elevators, breaking windows and causing a ceiling tile to fall on a woman's head in a downtown courthouse, but no serious damage or injuries were reported.

The quake, measuring 4.5 on the Richter scale, was centred eight miles (13 km) west of Whittier beneath Montebello.

The earthquake occurred on the Elysian Park fault line, the same line where two destructive earthquakes hit in October 1987, said Andrea Dobbe, a spokeswoman at the Caltech seismology lab in Pasadena.

Yesterday's quakes, however, were not aftershocks of the two Whittier narrow quakes, which caused millions of dollars in damage.

The fault line runs from offshore to the Santa Monica Bay, through downtown Los Angeles to Whittier, Caltech spokesman Hall Daily said.

The tremor was felt as a strong jolt in downtown Los Angeles at 9.57 am.

At 10.22 am, a weaker jolt measuring 4.3 on the Richter scale rattled the area. Seismologists said it was "not terribly unusual" for such a strong aftershock to occur so soon after an initial quake.

At least five other aftershocks that

occurred within four hours of the initial quake were strong enough to register on the Richter scale, but not to be felt, daily said.

There were no immediate reports of serious damage or injuries, but a woman who was sitting in a hallway on the sixth floor of the downtown civil courthouse was struck on the head by a falling ceiling tile, said Sgt. Frank Torres of Burns Security at the courthouse.

She was knocked to the floor by the blow and complained of head, back and chest pains, Torres said, and paramedics took her to a hospital.

The Montebello fire department helped

two people out of a stuck elevator, and police Sgt. Stan Roberts of the emergency operations centre said there were scattered reports of cracked and broken glass and temporary evacuations from some office buildings downtown.

"It appears that after assessments by our crews all over the city, that no significant damage has occurred," Mayor Tom Bradley said.

Telephone customers in many areas complained of distribution in service, but Pacific Bell spokeswoman Charlene Baldwin said the problems were due to too many people trying to call at the same time.

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Nazi battleship Bismarck found off coast of France

Man who discovered Titanic reports another find

WOODS HOLE, Massachusetts, June 13, (AP) — The ocean explorer who found the luxury liner Titanic in 1985 has located the German World War II battleship Bismarck, which was sunk 48 years ago after a dramatic chase in the North Atlantic, it was announced yesterday.

Dr Robert Ballard of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod said the Bismarck was located beneath 15,000 feet (4,500 m) of water, about 600 miles (965 km) west of Brest, on France's Brittany Coast.

"It is sitting upright on the sea bed intact in an excellent state of preservation," the institution said in a statement. "There is no evidence of human remains. No objects were found or recovered."

The Bismarck, over 800 feet (250 m) long and one of Nazi Germany's most feared warships, was sunk May 27, 1941, by Britain's Royal Navy. Only 115 members of its 2,200-man crew survived.

Named after the 19th century German Chancellor Prince Otto von Bismarck, it was sunk after a six-day chase in which

Britain's largest battleship, the HMS Hood, also went down.

The sinking of the Bismarck was a significant victory for the Allies, who thwarted Hitler's plan to use the Bismarck to raid Atlantic Ocean shipping lanes.

Maj. Charles Neimeyer, a history professor at the US Naval Academy, said the victory also gave a big psychological boost to the Royal Navy, which was stunned by the loss of the Hood.

"This gave confidence to the carrier-

aviation community that they could indeed sink a battleship," he said.

The Bismarck was located and surveyed this past weekend by the Argo, a miniature unmanned research probe which was also used in finding the Titanic in 1985. The Titanic sank south of Newfoundland on its maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York, on April 14, 1912, killing about 1,500 of the 2,200 on board.

The Bismarck was discovered as Ballard and his team were returning to

England from the Mediterranean Sea, where last month they conducted the Jason Project, the first live broadcasts from the deep sea. More than 250,000 US and Canadian students got a first-hand look via satellite at the exploration of an underwater volcano and an ancient shipwreck.

A memorial service for the dead of both the Bismarck and the Hood was held aboard the research vessel star Hercules, the Oceanographic Institution said.

Bush: Let's clear the air

Reforms proposed

WASHINGTON, June 13, (UPI) — President George Bush proposed major changes in US clean-air laws yesterday, including a 50 per cent reduction in acid rain emissions, tighter car exhaust restrictions and a crash programme to develop "clean-fuel" vehicles to cut urban ozone smog.

Bush, fulfilling a much-publicised campaign promise, said his plan would address acid rain by requiring coal-fired power plants to cut sulphur dioxide emissions by 10 million tons and nitrogen oxide emissions by two million tons by the year 2000.

The acid rain plan is expected to cost utilities an estimated \$7.3 billion, representing a potential two per cent increase in the nation's annual \$160 billion electricity bill.

For urban ozone smog — the nation's worst air pollution problem — the President proposed requiring automakers to reduce car exhaust emissions by 40 per cent and also recommended an ambitious programme to put one million cars on the road by 1997 that can utilise clean-burning alternative fuels such as methanol.

Under the President's plan, the one million alternative-fuel cars would be required in the nine most polluted urban areas — Los Angeles, Houston, New York City, Milwaukee, Baltimore, Philadelphia, most of the state of Connecticut, San Diego and Chicago. Those cities could get out of that requirement if they met required pollution reductions through other methods.

The 20 US cities with the worst ozone pollution would be required to cut emissions by three per cent each year, resulting in an overall estimated 45 per cent reduction in ozone.

Bush said his plan is designed to ensure all but the three most heavily polluted cities — Los Angeles, Houston and New York — will come into compliance with federal health standards by the year 2000. The three remaining cities would have until 2010.

Bush told a White House gathering: "It's time to clear the air." Every American expects and deserves to breathe clean air," Bush said, adding, "and as President, it is my mission to guarantee it for this generation and generations to come."

Bush said his programme will "demand a national sense of commitment, a new ethic of conservation."

And he estimated the first phase of his air toxics plan would eliminate three-fourths of the cancer deaths caused by such emissions and cost about \$2 billion per year.

The President declared that he rejects the "notion that sound ecology and strong economy are mutually exclusive."

"We've seen enough of this stalemate," he said, acknowledging he had some "tough choices."



"Time to clear the air"

to make. "Some may think we've gone too far, and others, not far enough."

But he said, "I am concerned" and "committed to see that coming generations receive the natural legacy that they deserve."

White House Press Secretary Martin Fitzwater told reporters that Bush had telephoned Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney yesterday morning to inform him of the acid rain provisions in the bill. Fitzwater said that Mulroney was "pleased" and both pledged to work together.

William Reilly, administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency, said he "got a good reaction" from Canadian ambassador Derek Burney yesterday morning when he told him of the proposals and told him "We were going to meet these standards."

Reilly said it was "not justifiable" to inflict the acid rain pollution on Canada.

Both Reilly and US Energy Secretary James Watkins described the package, expected to eventually cost \$14 billion to \$19 billion a year early in the next century, as "bold, innovative, flexible and fair." They also said it would be costly, adding \$300 to the price of each car that uses methanol instead of gasoline.

Fitzwater said: "Here is a blueprint for achieving clean, breathable air."

Reilly said there would be special benefits for utilities that begin to meet the standards. By the year 1997, he said, there must be 500,000 vehicles capable of using methanol.

"This is a very historical moment for health and ecology ... that the rest of the world will want to emulate," Reilly said.

The ozone reduction plan, estimated to cost \$3 billion to \$4 billion per year, also calls for special emission-catching nozzles on gasoline pumps, expanded car tailpipe inspections in polluted cities and tougher requirements of refiners to reduce gasoline volatility so as to cut evaporation of harmful pollutants.

Floods, famine forecast

Scientists: pollution will bring disaster

PARIS, June 13, (Reuters) — World-wide food shortages and devastating floods are predictable consequences of unchecked atmospheric pollution, according to scientists at an international conference in Paris.

Industrial damage to the air may already have started to raise global temperatures, the experts attending a two-day environmental meeting said yesterday.

"Real disasters, very strong (climate) changes which would require reaction from human society are expected within 20 to 30 years," Professor Roald Sagdeev of the Soviet Academy of Sciences told Reuters.

"Even the lowest (forecast global warming) figure is bad enough. Existing systems of agriculture would be unable to survive."

His words were echoed by many among 150 experts from 40 countries called together by French President Francois Mit-

terrand to pool scientific and technical knowledge on the effects of global pollution.

They agreed that climatic change was coming — the question was when and how it would affect the complex biological and chemical balance of the earth, its atmosphere and oceans.

"We have a dismal understanding of how the earth works," said Brian Walker, an Australian ecology expert.

French conference organisers said the scientists would today recommend to Mitterrand a new network of observation posts on land and in space to monitor weather patterns, seas and other natural processes to try to predict what will happen next.

"The scientific community has done a lot of homework," said Professor Carl Wunsch, a meteorologist at the United States' Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "We know how to find out what's going on."

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Blind and beaten

Man overcomes impossible odds

PITTSBURGH, June 13, (UPI) — A legally blind man who was severely beaten, robbed of less than \$10 and dropped over a stairwell two years ago managed to get a community college degree and attend his graduation, officials said yesterday.

"I'm a survivor," said George Eberhart, 35, of Pittsburgh, who is legally blind since birth. Eberhart was beaten up on Feb. 28, 1987, by two people and thrown over the stairwell, where he landed 10 feet below on his head. A judge decided there was insufficient evidence against two suspects police rounded up and threw out the case, prosecutors said.

Doctors had to work 5-1/2 hours to repair damage to Eberhart's skull, which had been smashed into his brain. Eberhart also suffered a torn membrane and a dangerous blood clot had formed near his ear.

But rather than stay bitter over his fate, Eberhart bounced back after his operation and began to work again on his associate degree in business management at Allegheny County Community College. He finished up last August but did not attend a graduation until the college's spring ceremony earlier this month, school officials said.

Eberhart said he had received the diploma in August. But the graduation walk June 3 across the stage meant a lot to him, since he had to fight adversity to get there, he said.

"I figured it was worthwhile, which it was," he told UPI. "I wouldn't have gotten my degree if I concentrated on getting even with those guys. It's already taken care of. What goes around comes around, the universal law."

Eberhart has already started work on another degree: a bachelor's degree in business management at Robert Morris College.

LORDSBURG, New Mexico: Police in three states and two countries were searching yesterday for two federal prisoners who apparently overpowered and kidnapped a deputy from the Hidalgo County Jail and escaped Saturday.

Sheriff Billy Darnell said law enforcement agencies in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Mexico are concerned for the safety of the hostages, Pedro Valenzuela, 44, who was working in law enforcement off and on in Hidalgo County for 14 years.

Darnell identified the escapees as Velasco Gomez, 23, of Ascension, Mexico and Gustavo Molina Reyes, 26, of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Both men were in jail on drug charges. (UPI)

BANGKOK, Thailand: Production of opium in the so-called Golden Triangle could soar to nearly 2,000 tons this season due to good weather and political instability in Burma, a senior Thai police officer predicts.

Police Maj. Gen. Kowit Phasansit was quoted in yesterday's Thai-language Nao Na newspaper as saying officials in Burma would focus their attention on the turbulent situation rather than narcotics suppression. A translation of the article was made available today. (AP)

BUENOS AIRES: The bed of late Argentine president Juan Peron, whose corpse was defiled in 1987, has been stolen, the state news agency Telam said yesterday.

Along with the black lacquer bed, thieves made off with medals, jewellery and other property of the founder of Peronism which were stored in a country house nearby Buenos Aires, his widow and former president Maria Estela Martinez said in a legal writ, Telam said.

Martinez, who became president in 1974 upon Peron's death and was toppled by the armed forces in 1976, said in the writ that the objects were stolen after the coup while she was imprisoned by the military. (Reuters)

PARIS: Captured French war criminal Paul Touvier has cancer, his lawyer said yesterday.

But lawyer Jacques Trépolet told a television interviewer that the 74-year-old former Lyon police chief was currently well enough to be questioned by an investigating magistrate preparing his trial.

Trempolet did not specify what kind of cancer Touvier had. Touvier is also suffering from a urinary infection and is due to undergo prostate surgery later this month.

Touvier, arrested in a French prison last month, stands accused of crimes against humanity. He is suspected of executing French resistance fighters during the Nazi occupation and arranging for French Jews to be deported. (Reuters)

LOS ANGELES: Richard Quine, who directed Jack Lemmon in a variety of oddball comedies including "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," committed suicide by shooting himself in the head, police said yesterday. He was 68.

Quine died Saturday night at the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Centre, said Sgt Jerry Schellhammer of the West Los Angeles Division Station. He said that Quine had been despondent for years over poor health.

As an actor, his work was confined to supporting roles in films such as Jane Eyre in 1934 and "Command Decision" with Clark Gable in 1948.

He directed movies including "Rainbow 'Round My Shoulder," which he also co-wrote, in 1952; did the 1954 remake of "So This Is Love" starring Tony Curtis and Gloria DeHaven; the 1965 film "The Solid Gold Cadillac," narrated by George Burns and the 1964 comedy "Sex and the Single Girl," with a cast that included Natalie Wood, Lauren Bacall and Henry Fonda.

William Holden starred in Quine's 1960 film, "The World of Suzie Wong." (AP)



Fairest of them all

Inna Magone, 18, an art student from the maritime town of Liepaja, won the title of Miss Latvia '89 in the annual beauty contest on Monday in Riga in the Soviet Union. Miss Magone will now represent Latvia in the Miss World contest. (Reuters wirephoto)

Campaigns 'honoured' Ads unfair

WASHINGTON, June 13, (AP) — Ten advertising campaigns received awards yesterday that none of them wanted for the most misleading, unfair, or irresponsible ad campaigns of the last 12 months.

Winners included Mercedes-Benz of Germany for a car ad and TWA airline for an ad on a round trip to London.

Each of the "winners" should they choose to accept it, are entitled to a bronze-coloured victory figure grasping a lemon.

TWA was named for advertising a \$298 round-trip fare to London, including hotel and car, "when the actual cost of the trip ranges from more than \$700 to 1,400," according to the Centre for Science in the Public Interest, the consumer action group that presented the awards.

"TWA is no longer running the ads and have no further comment regarding the award," said Donald Morrison, a spokesman for the airline.

Mercedes-Benz, spotlighted "for encouraging reckless high-speed driving at 125 mph (200 kph)," said it was surprised that such inferences were drawn from the advertisement at issue.

"There's nothing reckless or irresponsible in the ad," said A.B. Shuman, manager of public relations for the company. "It shows the car is capable of driving in its native country at those speeds and the indication is there's a tremendous reserve of handling, comfort and safety in the United States at our speed limits." The US speed limit is 55 mph (90 kph).

The US Committee for Energy Awareness was scored "for claiming that nuclear power can reduce oil imports when, in fact, most oil is used for gasoline for which nuclear power cannot substitute."

Carl Goldstein, spokesman for the committee, said its claims "are responsible and verifiable" and should be judged "by what responsible people think about it." He said, too, "We don't pay a whole lot of attention to things like this."

Going home

Planes frozen in time may fly

NUUK, Greenland, June 13, (UPI) — A squadron of US warplanes that has been frozen in time since being ditched during World War II will be excavated from Greenland's icecap, fuelled up and flown home under their own power, officials said yesterday.

"Apart from some dents and bends on the propellers the aircraft will be in mint condition," said Richard Taylor, a member of a US expedition that located the aircraft in 1987 and has received permission to dig for the aircraft from Denmark's Polar Institute.

The American excavating company, Greenland Expedition Society, found the aircraft in 1987 but only recently received permission to dig for the aircraft from Denmark's Polar Institute.

False signals

Warfare records show the flight of two B-17 bombers and six P-38 fighters took off from Gander, Newfoundland, on July 15, 1942 on a course for Europe with a refuelling stop in Iceland.

But "false signals" from a German submarine off Iceland caused the aircraft to change course and make for Greenland where the squadron ran short of fuel, officials said.

The squadron made an emergency landing on inland ice 124 miles (200 km) southwest of Angmassalik on Greenland's east coast. None of the crew was injured and the aircraft came through the ordeal in working condition.

Rescued

Until they were rescued by dog-sled a week later, the crews of the warplanes huddled together in temperatures of minus 20 degrees (28 c) and survived on provisions dropped by other aircraft.

The main problem for the 16-man excavating team due to arrive from the United States on June 30 is digging the aircraft out of nearly 80 yards ice that have built up over the squadron over 47 years of polar punishment.

"But once they're out, all we expect to have to do is fit new propellers, tank them up and then fly them back to the United States," Taylor told Greenland State Radio.

Shaft

The expedition plans to dig a shaft through the unforgiving icecap to the aircraft this summer. The actual excavation is expected to begin in 1990, officials said.

After being returned to the United States, the aircraft most likely will be sold to museums and private collectors — but one will remain in Greenland.

"The authorities have given their permission for the excavation and removal provided that one of the aircraft is left behind for a local museum," said Henning Thing, a spokesman for Greenland's home rule government.

Greenland, geographically the world's largest island, is a home-rule province of Denmark with total sovereignty in all but defence and foreign policy. It has a population of 53,000 people.



Birthday balloons

US President George Bush becomes entangled in balloons as he celebrates his 65th birthday on the south lawn of the White House Monday. Bush also took a lunchtime birthday job Monday "to show that 65 can still do three miles." Bush's T-shirt was soaked by the time he finished the job at Fort McNair, an Army base in southwest Washington. (Reuters wirephoto)

Plan to map human genetic structure will help science fight disease

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, June 13, (UPI) — Scientists expect to map the total human genetic structure within 15 years in a \$3-billion project that will help battle disease but raises ethical questions, officials said yesterday.

Mapping the genes will help researchers better understand and treat inherited diseases, such as Alzheimer's Disease, Huntington's Disease, Cystic Fibrosis, high blood pressure and many forms of cancer, said Frank Ruddle, a biology professor at Yale University.

The project also could be important for fighting

contagious diseases and in the battle against Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Ruddle said during an international conference on gene mapping.

"The AIDS virus interacts with genes and affects genes so the genome mapping would be very beneficial in handling the disease as well," Ruddle said.

Ruddle, co-director of the workshop, said since the gene-mapping project began 16 years ago, scientists have mapped about 1,500 genes. Scientists expect to add another 300 gene entries during the week-long conference and hope to complete the

entire project within 15 years.

The government has set a goal of spending completed so we have 99 per cent to go, but these projects proceed in a geometric fashion," Ruddle said. "You spend 15 years doing 1 per cent, then the next 15 years doing the rest. Once you have the model, it goes very quickly."

Scientists estimate there are about 50,000 to 100,000 human genes, said Victor McKusick of Johns Hopkins University. McKusick said the scientists have knowledge of up to 5,000 individual genes, with connections to about 3,000 diseases.

"There are lots of other disorders waiting in the wings to be mapped," said McKusick.

By locating and mapping the disease-causing genes, scientists can then begin to prescribe preventive treatments so that individuals will not develop the diseases.

Researchers also need to keep ethical considerations in mind and work to protect an individual's genetic privacy, said Nobel Laureate James Watson, director of the National Institutes of Health's Humane genome project, who defined the double-helix structure of genetic material.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Security chief fired

NEW YORK, June 13, (AP): Pan Am has fired its security chief at Frankfurt airport, but yesterday said the dismissal was unrelated to the crash of Flight 103, which exploded last Dec 21 over Scotland.

The bombing and crash of the jumbo jet killed all 259 passengers and crew, and 11 people on the ground in Lockerbie, Scotland.

'All acts of terrorism'

UNITED NATIONS, June 13, (Reuters): Non-aligned members of the Security Council want to eliminate references to last December's Lockerbie air disaster from a British resolution urging efforts to make plastic explosive more easily detectable.

The revised draft would also replace the phrase "international terrorism" with what is considered the more neutral wording "all acts of terrorism," a non-aligned source said yesterday.

Italian air crash

ROME, June 13, (Reuters): A magistrate has formally advised 15 Italian Air Force staff they are suspected of suppressing radar records relating to a mysterious plane crash which killed 81 people in 1980, judicial sources said today.

Investigating magistrate Vittorio Bucarelli issued notices to staff who were working in June, 1980, in two military air traffic control centres in southern Italy and Sicily.

Disarmament talks

GENEVA, June 13, (AP): The 40-nation conference on disarmament reconvened today after a six-month break with a Swedish envoy saying the United States and Soviet Union should devote more energy to a global chemical weapons ban.

Conference negotiations on a comprehensive chemical weapons ban are stalled over several issues, including ways to monitor compliance. The new session at the Geneva United Nations building was scheduled to run 12 weeks.

Yeltsin group

MOSCOW, June 13, (AP): Communist maverick Boris N. Yeltsin yesterday said he was organising a group of progressive legislators, adding they were needed to bring real power to the people at the next Congress of People's Deputies.

Speaking at a rally last night at the Luzhnik sports stadium in the capital, Yeltsin said that the most important goal of the inaugural session of the Congress that ended Saturday should have been to extend power to Soviet citizens.

Leaders dropped out

WARSAW, June 13, (Reuters): Communist leaders who suffered a humiliating rebuff in the first round of Poland's parliamentary elections last week have dropped out of the race before the second round, the government said today.

None of the 33 communist and allied figures who failed to win election to the Sejm (lower house) on an unopposed national ticket on June 4 would run in Sunday's second round of voting, government spokesman Zbyslaw Rykowski said.

Star Wars pact

WASHINGTON, June 13, (AP): The office that oversees "Star Wars" research said yesterday it had signed an agreement with Britain's Ministry of Defence to launch a joint computer project.

The work, valued at an estimated \$26 million over the next 4-1/2 years, will involve development and demonstration of so-called "knowledge-based computer systems," the Defence Department said.

Peru killings

LIMA, June 13, (UPI): Suspected guerrillas herded several villagers into a town square and then speared and stoned them, killing as many as 45 people, a newspaper and officials said yesterday.

The Express newspaper said the incident occurred last week when three columns of suspected Shining Path rebels simultaneously attacked the neighbouring village of Chis, Mollepampa and Cocos, all about 160 miles (255 km) south of Lima.

Explosion in Italy

GUARDIGRELE, Italy, June 13, (AP): An explosion yesterday ripped through a grain mill in central Italy and set off a raging fire. Officials said about 20 people were injured.

The late-afternoon blast destroyed the old part of the mill, police said. Authorities were searching through the rubble for other victims, said a local police officer, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Murderer identified

MEXICO CITY, June 13, (AP): The person who shot the gun that killed one of Mexico's most prominent journalists has been identified and a former security official is accused of planning the murder, the Mexico City district attorney said.

Britain grounds 12 Boeing 737-400 aircraft

SEATTLE, Washington, June 13, (AP): Britain's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) yesterday grounded all 12 Boeing 737-400 aircraft operated by British carriers following two recent engine failures.

Both incidents involved damage to fan blades in CFM56-3C engines manufactured by Snecma of France in a joint venture with General Electric Co. The same engine and plan also was involved in a fatal crash in January.

In Seattle, Kiro-TV reported that US Federal Aviation Administration officials were preparing an airworthiness directive based on the British action, but there was no immediate indication what the contents would be.

Spokesman T. Craig Martin of Boeing Co. in Seattle confirmed only that there had been talks yesterday between FAA officials and representatives of the manufacturer.

"We consider our communications with the FAA to be essentially private," Martin said.

On Friday, a Dan-Air 737-400 carrying 100 charter passengers to Minorca returned to London's Gatwick airport after developing severe vibration in one engine.

The airline said the problem developed 15 minutes into the flight at an altitude of 31,000 feet (9,430 metres).

On Sunday, a British Midlands 737-400 flying from London's Heathrow airport to Belfast, Northern Ireland, with 80 people aboard made an emergency landing at East Midlands airport after a problem developed in one engine.

CFM International said today it had advised airline operators to reduce the engine thrust on 30 Boeing 737-400 planes, after two had problems in Britain.

Rowdy scenes won't be shown

Parliament to be televised

LONDON, June 13, (AP): The mother of parliaments voted yesterday to admit TV cameras, and adopted rules that will ensure that the electronic eye will be far too polite to notice any rude behaviour.

"If someone behaves in a disorderly, silly or boorish manner, why should this be kept from the people who elected them?" said Labour Party member Frank Dobson.

That sort of thing does happen, especially at question time when Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her ministers face hostile questions from the opposition, alternated with easy ones provided by obedient Conservative backbenchers.

In the blood sport of parliamentary discourse, such exchanges are often shouted above a din of

wisecracks, jeering or a supportive drone of "hear, hear."

It falls, frequently, to speaker of the House Bernard Weatherill to bellow "order, order" when the right honourable members are feeling especially frisky.

In the event of an "occasion of grave disorder," TV cameras will be obliged to zero in on Weatherill, not on the ruckus in the benches.

If the speaker is receiving a word of advice from a lowly clerk, the rules adopted yesterday require the camera to turn away.

Otherwise, the lens may gaze at the head and shoulders of the member who is speaking, though a reaction shot is permitted if another member is mentioned by name.



Gorbachev and Raisa hold up a very young fan who brought flowers for them. (Reuters wirephoto)

Gorby-mania in W. Germany

Declaration signed

BONN, June 13, (Agencies): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl today signed a major political declaration that calls for the adherence to human rights, the continuation of the disarmament process and the respect of cultural minorities.

The statement, which had been prepared since Kohl's October 1988 visit to Moscow was hailed as "a milestone" by West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

Gorbachev and Kohl signed the historic document today after holding a second round of talks, following a similar meeting yesterday, shortly after Gorbachev arrived in Bonn at the start of his four-day visit.

In the statement which called for "new political thinking," the two nations agreed that "man, his dignity and his rights as well as concern for the survival of mankind must be in the centre of policies."

The agreement also recognizes "the right of all peoples and states to freely determine their destiny." It calls for "the respect and preservation of historically-grown cultures of the peoples of Europe. This cultural diversity is one of the great treasures of the continent. Their rightful interests deserve protection."

The Soviet Union and West Germany agreed to seek to avoid "every war, whether nuclear or conventional."

Listing essential conditions for peace and co-operation in Europe, the agreement called for "the energetic continuation of the process of disarmament and arms control."

"In the nuclear age efforts should not only be directed towards preventing war, but also towards creating and securing peace," the agreement said.

The document also called for closer ties between the Soviet Union and West Germany in a bid to end the division of Europe. It referred to the idea of "a com-

Ecological co-operation

BONN, June 13, (AP): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, faced with a population both frustrated and physically sickened by a filthy environment, yesterday proposed broad ecological co-operation with West Germany.

In a speech at a dinner given by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Gorbachev proposed a five-part programme including exchanges of technology, expertise and emergency help in case of an environmental disaster.

Gorbachev said that the "scientific, technical and economic possibilities" of the USSR and West Germany would have a huge meaning in a European effort to combat pollution.

But any agreement would directly benefit the Soviet Union's new ecology movement than the well-established West German effort.

The Soviet Union's environmental protection agency was formed only last year and still lacks the finances and many of the power it needs to crack down on polluters.

Officials said last month they are finishing a comprehensive environmental protection package, but also said they lacked the time to work out technical options for factories to cut their effluence.

"Gorby, Gorby" as he mingled with the crowd in downtown Bonn today morning.

The cheers turned into a roar of delight as Gorbachev lifted a little boy who had given a bunch of flowers to his wife, Raisa.

Gorbachev smiled, waved, shook hands and autographed copies of his book "Glasnost" as he moved through the tightly-packed crowd at the historic market-place in front of the Bonn's 18th century mayor's office.

"Even Elvis Presley would not have had such a welcome," said an enthusiastic resident.

Opinion polls showed he enjoyed the trust of 90 per cent of the population, as compared with 58 per cent for Bush and only 50 per cent for Kohl.

Thousands more cheered the Soviet President as the official motorcade drove along the Rhine river to the Bonn Parliament, where Gorbachev met with parliamentary Speaker Rita Süssmuth.

"We have great hopes that Gorbachev can offer a new future that will benefit both Germans," a smiling 21-year-old student, Martina Feldmann said.

The Soviet leader, considered one of the most popular men in West Germany, was cheered by thousands of people chanting

mon European home" — an expression which has in recent weeks been used by Gorbachev, Kohl and Bush. The document added that "the USA and Canada would also have their place in such a home."

The Soviet and West German delegations also signed a further 11 agreements, covering, among other subjects, the protection of West German investments in the Soviet Union, the setting up of a hot-line between Bonn and the Kremlin and the establishment of management training programmes.

In a statement last evening, Gorbachev welcomed Bush's disarmament initiative but criticised the fact the proposals excluded the possibility of total elimination of short-range nuclear weapons in Europe.

He also praised West Germany for helping bring about the Western initiative, which offers a reduction of US troops in Europe. The proposals also link eventual negotiations for a reduction of short-range nuclear missiles to progress in talks on conventional forces.

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or 1:00 am on the night of the shooting, countering Petersson's alibi.

But he withdrew that story in court, saying he now believed the defendant had been home before midnight. If true, it would mean Petersson could not have shot Palme in downtown Stockholm at 11:23 pm.

"I can't remember. I've thought about this for three months and I don't want to lie here, so I can't say I'm sure," Stinners said.

He acknowledged that he had spoken with Petersson about the hour he returned, but denied his friend had intimidated him to change his story.

Uzbek tense after riots

MOSCOW, June 13, (Agencies): Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov has toured areas of Uzbekistan still tense after at least 100 people died in the latest ethnic violence in the Soviet Union's volatile southern republics.

Soviet television showed Ryzhkov, sent to the Fergana region with fellow Communist Party politburo member Viktor Chebrikov, viewing gutted buildings and talking to farm workers yesterday.

Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev, visiting West Germany, was reported to be monitoring developments from the Soviet embassy in Bonn.

A commentator said the situation had calmed 30 days after clashes broke out between Uzbek's and minority Meskhetians, a Turkic people deported to Central Asia by Josef Stalin in 1944.

The Fergana region, southeast of the Uzbek capital Tashkent, was calm yesterday, the first day without a shot being fired, he said. Meskhetians were able to bury their dead for the first time.

"Although there are still rumours which cause panic and confusion, life is coming back to normal," the report said. "But it is still far from a complete normalisation of the situation."

Appeals last week by Gorbachev and members of the country's new parliament failed to halt the carnage, which degenerated from an ethnic conflict into general rioting.

The violence was the Soviet Union's worst in decades and added to ethnic tensions soon to be considered in a plenary session of the Communist Party central committee.

More than 90 people have died in the past 18 months in the republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan over rival claims to the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Twenty people were killed in Georgia in April when troops broke up a nationalist demonstration. Unrest has also been reported in Turkmenia, on the Iranian border.

State television said an airlift to central Russia of 17,000 Meskhetians in the Fergana area was proceeding despite a shortage of aircraft.

It showed Meskhetians boarding a helicopter in a mountain village, many with bags of possessions, and buses heading for an airport under armed escort.

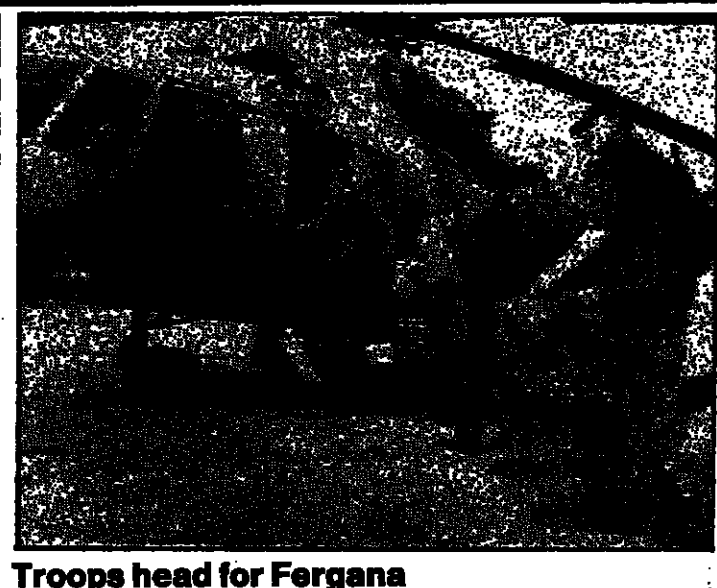
Tass news agency reported that the fighting spilled over on Sunday from the Fergana area to neighbouring Namangan region, with up to 2,000 taking part in riots in the regional capital.

A gang also razed the village of Gorskoy, in the west of the Fergana region, while 400 Uzbeks with automatic rifles tried to storm a nearby mountain camp sheltering Meskhetians.

Tass said 87 corpses had been found — at least 60 of them Meskhetians. Many had been mutilated by axes or pitchforks or burned. Soviet newspapers have put the death toll at about 100.

Reports from the area said rioters had attacked Communist Party offices and police stations and were marching under green Muslim banners.

A curfew imposed June 4 remained in force, but all industrial complexes except chemical plants were operating, Soviet TV said.



Troops head for Fergana

Troops board a helicopter headed for the Fergana region in Uzbekistan to restore order. (Reuters wirephoto)

Italy in political crisis

De Mita called back to form government

ROME, June 13, (AP): Caretaker Premier Ciriaco De Mita received a presidential mandate to form a new government today and said he would try to resurrect the same five-party coalition that fell three weeks ago.

However, the Christian Democrat politician admitted it won't be easy to form Italy's 49th postwar government and that no progress can be made until after Sunday's voting for seats in the European Parliament.

With the election campaign in full swing, both the Christian Democrats and their archrivals, the Socialists, had hoped President Francesco Cossiga would hold off naming a premier-designate.

But Cossiga, under increasing pressure to make a move to solve the political crisis, announced his choice of De Mita and summoned him to the presidential palace this morning. Opposition parties had complained that the delay in resolving the crisis is holding up such important matters as reducing Italy's \$95-billion budget deficit because most government work has come to a standstill.

Leaving the President's office, De Mita said he would seek to form a government based on an alliance of parties receiving "the constant, growing consensus of Italians."

That was a reference to series of local elections, the most recent in Sardinia last weekend, that have seen gains by the Christian Democrats and Socialists as well as the smaller parties in the fallen coalition.

De Mita resigned on May 19 after Socialist leader Bettino Craxi said he could no longer support the governing coalition. He accused De Mita of failing to show any leadership.

De Mita conceded he will only be able to form a new government if he can overcome the differences that caused the political crisis. He said it was also necessary not to interfere in the final days of the European Parliament election campaign.

With nearly all votes counted in the Sardinia election, the Christian Democrats, Italy's long dominant party, had 34.9 per cent of the vote, up from 32.2 per cent five years ago, and the Socialists 13.9 per cent, up from 10.1 per cent.

Church powers cut

Family law reformed

NICOSIA, Cyprus, June 13, (AP): Civil marriage will become legal in Cyprus next year under a constitutional reform that ends a centuries-old Orthodox Church monopoly on marrying and divorcing Greek Cypriots.

After a stormy debate, the 56-member parliament passed a constitutional amendment on family law last night by the required two-thirds majority.

Forty deputies voted in favour of the reform and nine against. Seven members were not present.

The reforms will take effect Jan 1, 1990. There was no immediate reaction from the Orthodox Church of Cyprus, which had fiercely opposed the introduction of civil marriage and changes in divorce procedures.

More than 150 black-robed Orthodox priests staged a march through Nicosia last week to protest the reform.

Archbishop Chrysostomos, head of the Autocephalous Cypriot Orthodox Church, threatened to excommunicate members of parliament who supported the amendment.

He also said the clergymen would refuse to baptise children whose parents were married in a civil ceremony.



Quayle is greeted by US servicemen in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. (Reuters wirephoto)

Quayle seeks help to get rid of Noriega

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, June 13, (Agencies): US Vice-President Dan Quayle is seeking help from Latin American allies in pressuring Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega out of power in Panama while warning of the possibility of an anti-democratic alliance among Cuba, Nicaragua and Panama.

On the first full day of a three-day tour of Central America, Quayle met yesterday with the presidents of Honduras and Guatemala. He said he discussed with them possible future measures against Noriega if an Organisation of American States initiative now under way fails to remove him from power.

"If in fact he doesn't leave, we will have to pursue other options," said Quayle. Without being specific, Quayle said the options could include "political and economic concerns Panama has with other countries."

Quayle made those comments to reporters before travelling from Guatemala to Honduras. He met with Guatemalan President Vianca Cerezo in Guatemala City and Honduran President Jose Azcona Hoya in Tegucigalpa. Later, Quayle met with two candidates in that country's November presidential election.

The vice-president, at all times protected by a large security detail, also had lunch with US troops at an Air Force base outside the Honduran capital.

The United States already has in place economic and trade sanctions against Panama. US President George Bush recently threatened the US "troop presence there."

Quayle would not discuss the new OAS initiative, other than to say the United States supports it.

But an official travelling with the vice-president said in general terms that the OAS plan would provide for deposing Noriega and for a national dialogue leading to the installation of a democratically elected government.

That official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said Quayle was interested in the OAS proposal but was insistent that Noriega must step down before such a dialogue is begun.

Quayle referred to recent reports that Nicaragua is planning to send arms to Panama to help forces loyal to Noriega in the event of a US attack. He said he was concerned about a possible anti-democratic axis involving Panama, Cuba and Nicaragua, a development that "would destabilise Central America."

A senior leader of Salvadoran rebels yesterday denied the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front's involvement in last week's assassination of a top aide and chief-of-staff of newly-installed President Alfredo Cristiani.

Salvador Samayoa, a senior commander of the guerrilla alliance, known by its Spanish acronym as FMLN, told United Press International that the rebel group found the murder of Jose Antonio Rodriguez Porti, a main ideologue of the ruling Nationalist Republican Alliance, or Arena, "strange."

Early Friday, two unidentified assailants gunned down Rodriguez and his two body guards. Rodriguez was Cristiani's chief-of-staff as well as minister of the presidency.

Gen. Augusto Pinochet of Chile warned yesterday that as commander of the Army he will not subordinate himself to the civilian who succeeds him as president next year after 16 years of military government.

Palme case witness retracts testimony

STOCKHOLM, June 13, (AP): In a setback for the prosecution, a witness changed his story in court today and supported the alibi of the man accused of killing Prime Minister Olof Palme.

The testimony came during the second week of the trial of Carl Gustaf Christer Petersson, 42, who is accused of the fatal shooting of Palme in 1986 as the four-term Swedish leader was walking home with his wife from a movie.

Ulf Stinners, 35, also claimed police interrogators had hinted that he could be eligible for the 50 million kronor (\$8 million) reward if his testimony about Petersson's whereabouts after

the shooting was helpful.

"The police tried to coax me with money. They said, '50 million, 50 million,'" Stinners, wearing a red baseball cap and large sunglasses, told the court.

In an adjoining room of the district court, the former Stockholm police commissioner who led the initial murder hunt was acquitted of charges of disclosing secret information about the investigation.

The court found that Hans Holmer had not violated secrecy or libel laws in his 1988 book "Palme is Shot," in which he described the surveillance of suspects and disclosed the identity of witnesses.



Lisbet, wife of Palme, will give testimony today.

Stinners was called by the prosecution to repeat evidence that Petersson returned to his suburban apartment about 12:30

India to Sri Lanka Pullout talks, not deadlines

Sinhalese kill 6 guards

NEW DELHI, June 13. (KUNA): The withdrawal of the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) from Sri Lanka can only be decided by consultations and not through unilateral deadlines, India has told the Sri Lankan government.

An official spokesman told newsmen here last night that the IPKF withdrawal must be accompanied by the simultaneous implementation of the relevant clauses of the Indo-Sri Lanka agreement signed by Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and the then Sri Lankan President J.R. Jayewardene on July 29, 1987.

There has to be a devolution of effective powers to the provincial council and the creation of a credible and effective law and order machinery in the north eastern province so that the Tamils can live in safety. Tamils constitute about 18 per cent of the 16 million population in Sri Lanka.

About 40,000 Indian peace-keeping troops are present in the island under the July 29 accord to disarm militant Tamils who are fighting for a separate homeland.

Commenting on the recent call by Sri Lankan President R. Premadasa for the IPKF withdrawal by July 29 and the subsequent statements by several other Sri Lankan leaders, the spokesman said the leaders ignore that there is a bilateral agreement signed by the heads of the two governments. There is, therefore, a mutuality of obligations since certain actions have already been taken and sacrifices made.

The spokesman regretted that Sri Lankan leaders made the statements at such a time when steps were being taken at the diplomatic level for the strengthening of relations between the two countries.

The spokesman reiterated the Indian government's firm commitment for the phased withdrawal of the IPKF. The process had already started on January 1 this year, he added.

He said there is a clear national consensus in India that the withdrawal should be linked with the implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka agreement. "Every one in India feels that the IPKF should not be withdrawn in a hurry," he added.

Official sources here today said the Indian government is disappointed at the Sri Lankan government's unilateral call for the IPKF withdrawal and its states had been motivated by immediate domestic considerations rather than long-term appraisal of the implications of the actions taken by them.

Meanwhile, the Indian government has established contact with the Sri Lankan government on the recent threat by militant Sinhalese — Janata Vimukti Peramuna — (JVP) — against the members of the Indian community there.

The spokesman expressed hope that the Sri Lankan government would take necessary steps to ensure appropriate security to Indian citizens, business and other establishments and the Indian High Commission.

The JVP has threatened the Indian community in the island while asking for the IPKF withdrawal. It also announced a boycott call against Indian goods.

In another development Sinhalese extremists shot dead six home guards in central Badulla district last night, military officials reported today.

The officials, who cannot be identified said, the extremists from the JVP stormed the security post of a tea estate at Badulla, 130 kms east of Colombo, and shot dead the homeguards. The militants also got away with their victims' weapons, the officials said.

Meanwhile, security personnel and police sent on full alert following a call by the JVP to boycott Indian manufactured goods from today the military officials said.

The Sinhalese front, in a statement issued to local newspapers yesterday also demanded that shopkeepers display signs outside their shops declaring they are not selling any Indian products.

All Indian enterprises in the island should be nationalised and Indian nationals employed should leave the country, the statement in Sinhalese language read.

Last year, crack Indian troops moved swiftly into the Indian ocean archipelago of the Maldives to quash an attempt by foreign mercenaries to overthrow the government of President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom.

India is currently locked in a bitter trade dispute with neighbouring Nepal that has led to widespread shortages of fuel and other commodities in the tiny Himalayan kingdom. Underlying the economic confrontation are Nepal's security concerns and India's distaste for recent Nepalese military purchases from China.

"India's military expansion is not so much a part of a strategic assessment as a view of India's proper place in the world," comments a senior diplomat here.



Rajiv Gandhi

Launch Vehicle, has failed in two tries to launch satellites. Western sources say India is now seeking help from the West in resolving serious problems in the stabilisation systems of its civilian rockets.

Meanwhile, unable to obtain a crucial rocket-guidance system from overseas, Indian scientists have developed an indigenous computer-run guidance system for the Agni rocket, analysts say. "They are taking risks in testing rockets when they obviously have not mastered fully some of the fundamental technologies of the missile," says a Western scientist. "They are now only laying the first cornerstones, and it will be the year 2000 before they will be a credible power."

The missile programme has moved in tandem with other efforts to lay claim to being South Asia's regional superpower. India's 1.4 million-member Army is the fourth largest after the Soviet Union, China, and the US.

In recent years, New Delhi has expanded defence research, and enlarged its armed forces. In 1987, it acquired a nuclear-powered submarine from the Soviet Union. Also in 1987, the Indian Army moved into Sri Lanka to police a "peace accord" signed by New Delhi and Colombo. Nearly 50,000 Indian troops are still trying to subdue Tamil "Tiger" militants in the north and east of the island nation.

This sensitivity flared as recent launch of Agni. Indian government officials rebutted criticism from some US senators, saying that India was being singled out while arch-rival China pursues its nuclear programme undeterred.

"It's ludicrous: A nuclear missile is okay for China but a conventional missile is not OK for India," bristled an aide to Rajiv Gandhi. "Any self-respecting Indian could not accept this."

Political observers see such reactions and the spotlight on the Agni test as an election ploy by Prime Minister Rajiv. Facing an uphill fight to win re-election this year Rajiv hopes to tap public support for a strong military posture.

However, even the Agni was tested successfully. Western analysts predict it will take several years for it to become part of India's arsenal. Both the missile and the civilian space programmes have been plagued with problems in developing rocket technology.

The Agni's civilian sister-rocket, the Augmented Satellite

Benazir's yes and no on N-research

US uneasy about meaning of comments

WASHINGTON, June 13. (UPI): Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto did not completely persuade US officials about her nation's nuclear capability during her visit to the United States last week, an administration official said yesterday.

Benazir told Congress that Pakistan does not possess a nuclear device nor does it intend to have one, and administration officials said Benazir made the

same assurances in private. However, an administration official said Benazir's private comments were more precise — giving rise to unease about her exact meaning.

The official quoted Benazir as telling Secretary of State James Baker and other US officials that Pakistan "would not enrich (its store of uranium) to weapons-grade. She was also careful to say that she would not undo what others have done."

By keeping uranium enrichment below weapons-grade, officials said, Pakistan can quickly upgrade enough uranium at its Kahuta laboratory — which has the necessary technical equipment and expertise — to assemble nuclear warheads.

In saying she "would not undo" her predecessors' work, the official said, Benazir meant she would not dismantle the necessary equipment, such as

sophisticated centrifuges, that enriches uranium.

In addition, in July 1984, Pakistan illegally bought in the US about 200 krypton switches, a specialised electronic device normally used to trigger atomic explosions. Pakistani officials claimed the switches were for the flashing lights on ambulances — a story that convinced no one.

Benazir also told US officials last week that her country would

not give up the enriched uranium that has been stored.

In the past, officials said, Pakistani officials have said they would never go above five per cent enrichment of its uranium.

Uranium below that figure can be used in power plants and because of the technical processes required, five per cent is a threshold figure — once the threshold is crossed, enrichment to weapons-grade is relatively easy.

SPECIAL REPORT

DMK on collision course

Karunanidhi irked

MADRAS, June 13: Barely four months after storming to power in Tamil Nadu, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) government is set on a collision course with the Congress (I) centre and the bone of contention is Doordarshan (Indian Television).

Irked at the blackout by Doordarshan of a series of state government-sponsored functions, Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi has threatened to bar TV crew from covering official functions.

Ever since the DMK took over the reins of administration in January last, state ministers and party functionaries have repeatedly complained that the union government-controlled electronic media were deliberately blacking out and playing down functions connected with the launching of major welfare schemes while unduly projecting Congress (I) personalities and programmes.

The last straw, however, was the blackout from Doordarshan's regional and national bulletins of the inauguration by the chief minister of the revamped State Planning Commission on May 15 though a TV crew had been present at the venue.

Adding salt to injury was the inclusion of the day's bulletins of a 30 second clip on a Congress (I) procession in the city thanking Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi for introducing the panchayat raj bill in parliament.

Doordarshan authorities have come up with the explanation that they had in fact been planning an in-depth feature programme, including clips on the inauguration, on the importance of the Planning Commission and had actually lined up leading industrialists and economists for a discussion. Moreover, the function had come too late in the evening for inclusion in that day's bulletin.

In the background of the extensive coverage of the function by the print media, the explanation lacked credibility and Karunanidhi was quick to point out that the function had been over by 8 pm, well before the start of the 8.40 pm regional bulletin. Not a word about the function was mentioned in the next day's bulletins either.

In direct contrast, time had never been a barrier for Doordarshan to include in its bulletins the latest programmes of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi whenever he toured the state.

This was not the first time that Madras Doordarshan had trampled on the toes of DMK bosses. The breaking point had, in fact, been reached a week earlier when Doordarshan rejected an advertisement prepared by Coopex, the state handloom marketing body, as it contained a three-second clip of the chief minister.

The state government was prompt to lodge a protest with the centre and a fuming Food Minister Aroor Veerasamy warned in the state assembly that the government would be forced to stop advertisements to Doordarshan if the centre did not respond favourably to the protest.

Rejecting Doordarshan's explanation that its advertisement code did not permit the exploitation of prominent dignitaries, Veerasamy expressed suspicion that the advertisement was rejected on political considerations as advertisements featuring prominent sports and film personalities like P.T. Usha and Jayaprada have been telecast.

The centre has so far not responded to the protest and the state government had to back down and allow the telecast of the advertisement with the chief minister's clip deleted.

The state government had also been cut up with Doordarshan's blackout of the Tiruvannur car festival, revived on May 7 after a lapse of six years mainly due to the personal interest shown by Karunanidhi. Acclaimed as an engineering marvel, the taking out of the giant 300-tonne car by devotees had received wide coverage in the print media.

In the heat of the controversy, Doordarshan hurriedly tried to cover up its lapse by explaining that the stringer assigned to cover the festival had suddenly fallen sick but the lie was called when the TV Stringers Association disclosed that no stringer had been assigned for the festival.

Doordarshan authorities were further embarrassed when it was made known that a

stringer, who had covered the nearby Thiruvaiyaru Aradhana festival a couple of days earlier, had asked whether he should cover the car festival but was told in no uncertain terms not to bother.

To extricate itself from the tight spot it found itself in, Madras Doordarshan telecast an apology of a report in its cultural programme a week later using clips borrowed from the state government's Films Division.

The DMK's displeasure with Doordarshan had begun long before it came to power and just before the assembly elections, Karunanidhi had rejected campaign time on TV when Doordarshan insisted on deleting certain references to Sri Lanka from his speech. Soon after the elections, a news editor in Doordarshan ran into trouble when a journalist contracted to review the election results eulogised the DMK's return to power.

In contrast to the poor coverage given to the DMK and its leaders, Congress (I) functions and personalities are being prominently projected through the electronic media.

A glaring instance was in April when extended coverage, including visuals, was given to a march taken out by the women's Congress (I) to protest against the March 25 violent incidents in the state assembly when AIADMK

leader Jayalalitha was assaulted by a cabinet minister. Shots of the marchers submitting a memorandum to Governor P.C. Alexander also formed part of the newscast.

The DMK had taken its complaint of inadequate coverage by Doordarshan to parliament, where the party's members alleged that the Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry had issued instructions to the Madras Doordarshan to avoid coverage of Karunanidhi and whenever coverage was unavoidable, to avoid close-ups.

The allegation had been vehemently denied by the I and B Minister H.K.L. Bhagat, who went to the extent of claiming with statistics that Karunanidhi had received more time on TV than other chief ministers, including those of Congress-ruled states. Karunanidhi dismissed the claim with a benign smile when newsmen sought his comments on Bhagat's statement.

For a few days, Madras Doordarshan backed up its minister's statement by actually telecasting lengthy close-ups of the chief minister but soon it was back to square one again with state government and DMK functions taking a back seat.

Bhagat's deputy S. Krishnakumar, in the meantime, launched a counter-campaign alleging that opposition-ruled states like Kerala and Andhra Pradesh were misusing state media to denigrate the centre. He charged the Marxist-led government in Kerala with using the state's information network for anti-centre propaganda and accused Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao of raising the allocation for the state media from Rs10 million to Rs400 million to project himself and be little national interests.

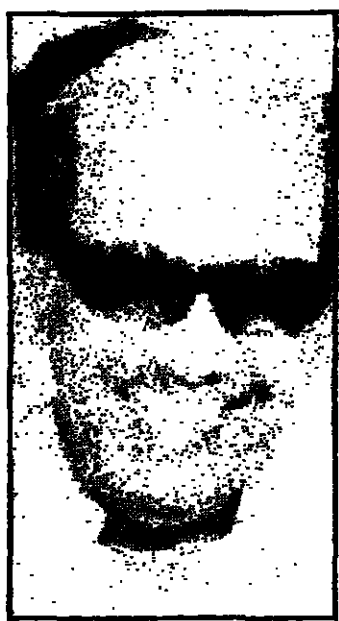
Krishnakumar had not mentioned Karunanidhi but the cue was taken up by Tamil Nadu State Congress (I) Chief Vazhappadi K. Ramamurthy who alleged that the chief minister was personally editing film reels churned out by the State Films Division to ensure that he got maximum coverage at the expense of his cabinet colleagues.

On the threat to bar TV crew from official functions, Ramamurthy alleged that Karunanidhi was trying to convert Doordarshan into an outfit of the state government like the Films Division. "He will not succeed in his efforts," declared Ramamurthy.

Karunanidhi has certainly not succeeded and the best testimony to this is the continued prominence given by Doordarshan to Ramamurthy's daily statements of allegation against the DMK government.

The chief minister, in a letter to the prime minister, complained that Ramamurthy's anti-state government statements were being played up by Doordarshan which was ignoring the government denials.

(Third Eye feature)



Karunanidhi



Dr Bramas Pati Triguna

Ancient science

Simple recipe for a fuller life

NEW DELHI, (World News Link): White traditional doctors pore over scanner images and supermicroscopes. Dr Bramas Pati Triguna is content with taking his patients' pulse, on both wrists. For about two minutes he seems to listen intently to a coded message that only he understands.

Then he smiles the reassuring smile of the old family doctor. "Your organs are all well," he tells this reporter, "but the nervous system could be better; you stay up too late at night, you watch too much television." Other comments follow, astounding considering that he has never seen his "patient" before.

No medicines are needed, just "better behaviour", the doctor says. It's a relief since the herbal concoctions he prescribes most often are reputedly quite pungent.

The ride to the doctor's clinic in old Delhi could have accounted for some of the stress the patient felt. Finding the quiet, tree-shaded clinic requires braving crazy traffic — the only rule is that anything goes — and then walking the last half-mile down dirt lanes bordered by tiny shops and where oxen and cows have the right-of-way.

A leading figure in the field of ayurvedic medicine in India and abroad, Dr Triguna operates with his son, Dr Devinder Triguna, a small clinic that draws hundreds of patients every day from all over India; some even come from foreign countries to try the doctor's natural remedies made from thousands of herbs, precious stones, metals and other minerals.

Different

Almost every country has its own homeopathic healing, the young Dr Triguna explained, but Ayurvedic medicine is different because the use of natural remedies was elevated to the rank of science by Indian researchers thousands of years ago.

Rooted in India's Vedic tradition, ayurveda is considered by some to be the source of modern medicine. Ancient Vedic writings show striking similarities in both theory and practice with the Greek Hippocratic tradition.

"We know exactly what part of a specific herb cures what disease," Dr Devinder Triguna explained. "It's all in the books... 'ayu' is life, and 'veda' is knowledge. It's not a religion, but rather a set of guidelines to help man lead a fuller life by preventing disease, treating it when it happens, and teaching 'good behaviour'."

But don't look for the key to eternal youth, he quips: "It adds life to your years, not years to your life."

Dr Bramas Triguna's recipe for a fuller life is at the same time quite simple and a challenge to modern man, always on the run and cut off from his roots. It's a three-pronged approach focusing on personal habits and family and social interaction.

First, the doctor notes, all individuals are unique, so you must find the diet that suits you (it changes with the seasons, your age and sex) and eat regulated amounts: "All diseases come from misuse of the brain; for example, you know your stomach is full, but still you eat, it's like you see a red light at a road crossing but you go through!" Then, he adds, your life must be regular: eat, go to sleep at the same time each day. "Today you go to sleep at 10 pm, yesterday at midnight, tomorrow at 1 am, it will give you brain disease!" Once your life's rhythm follows a regular pattern, it must become part of a family relationship and social life that includes love and respect of the elders. "A man who wants to live a long life, he should be happy first of all," the doctor says.

Vary

Ironically, many of the patients who come to the clinic have little to be cheerful about. They are poor and can pay only a nominal fee for the natural medicines the doctor prescribes; they often suffer from chronic ailments that modern medicines failed to cure. Even terminally ill cancer patients show up. If they come soon enough the problem can sometimes be cleared, the doctors claim.

Cases tend to vary with the seasons — in the late fall there are many cases of fever, malaria, jaundice. But there are also the happy occasions "when a young woman comes with her mother-in-law to be told if she is pregnant... I can tell because the little pulse is five per cent stronger," the older doctor says. He deplored the fact that prenatal and post-natal care is not available to the majority of Indian women.

Quite willing to co-operate with modern medicine, Dr Bramas Triguna urges parents to have their children vaccinated, but he also reminds older women to pass on to their daughters the knowledge of some traditional remedies.

In modern India, city dwellers have better access to health care than farmers, he explained, but chemical pollution of the food chain and the environment is becoming a problem.

Rumour has it that Dr Bramas Triguna has won many battles against illness and pain. The minerals and herbs he uses, some of which he harvests in the Himalayas in the fall and spring, are stored in neatly catalogued jars and cans occupying dozens of shelves at the clinic. Doses are given out in small plastic bags that the patient takes home with specific directives as to how much must be ingested, when and with what ingredient (usually milk, water or honey).

Pollution and the destruction of natural habitats in India threaten flora that is very important to ayurvedic medicine, the Trigunas said, adding that they are working with the department of forestry to protect some species and grow others so they remain available and affordable.

Some indigenous plants found in India only are exported to ayurvedic doctors abroad, especially in Brazil.

Ayurvedic doctors of the 1980s claim to be the repositories of very old scientific knowledge that may well have been lost if it had not become the focus of attention a few decades ago as a byproduct of a renewed interest in ancient philosophies.

Truck drivers unaware of rules

NEW DELHI, June 13. (Reuters): Almost all Indian truck drivers are unaware of basic traffic rules and cause most of the country's 40,000 road deaths, a government survey shows.

The survey, conducted by the state-run Central Road Research Institute on 755 truck drivers from all parts of India, said 99 per cent of them failed to

recognise even main road signs.

India's 800 million people have one of the lowest levels of car ownership in the world, but major roads, rarely more than one lane in each direction, can be death traps.

Many people will not drive outside the cities at night because of the danger from unlit and overloaded trucks and buses.

Tremor kills one in Bangladesh

DHAKA, June 13. (Reuters): One person was killed and nearly 100 injured when a mild tremor shook the southern half of Bangladesh early yesterday, officials said today.

The tremor, the fourth to strike Bangladesh this year, had an epicentre 215 km (133 miles) from Chittagong port.



Jayewardene



Radio project

Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah on Monday signed a contract with two companies concerning execution of the 2nd phase of the radio station in Kabd area.

Sheikh Jaber expressed, at the signing ceremony, satisfaction at concluding such a contract which will strengthen Radio Kuwait transmission to reach very remote areas with clear signals.

Justice Ministry supports training

Statistical system on anvil

By Sayed Othman

THE Controller of General Affairs and Training at the Ministry of Justice, Heba Al Abdul Jalael stated that officials at the ministry endeavour to support and encourage training programmes. She added that these programmes are intended to enhance expertise of administrative officers to achieve administrative development, objections planned by the government.

Interviewed by Arab Times-Siyassa, Heba said that the General Affairs and Training Control plays an important role in achieving Kuwait's policy through the Computer Centre Department at the Ministry of Justice which took decisive steps to attract national administrators to the department.

The Computer Centre Department successfully tripled the number of Kuwaiti manpower during the past six years.

Heba talked on the future plans of the General Affairs and Training Control and said that on the anvil is a project on the development of the social system for marriages and divorces and a project on the development of the statistical system for misdemeanours and crimes, in addition to utilising new computer systems to serve statistical requirements and organising more training programmes to attract national administrators.

The controller of the General Affairs and Training Control at the Ministry of Justice stated that it was able to accomplish several successful projects of which utilising the information and statistical data bank to provide administrators with necessary information to assist them in planning and decision making. In addition data is provided to other outside



Heba Al Abdul Jalael

authorities, like the Ministry of Planning, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, the Public Authority for Social Security, the Ministry of Interior and researchers. She added that the control publishes an annual statistical book which is being distributed among official and scientific authorities within Kuwait and abroad.

Monthly statistics are to be published by the section which will include statistical data on the Ministry of Justice's accomplishments in addition to social phenomena linked to the works of the ministry like marriage and divorce.

The General Affairs and Training Control also studies all ministry requirements and organises technical and administrative training programmes.

Heba added that the Training and Library section has organised several successful training courses like the information officers course, the legal fundamental course, and the applied implications for the enforcement department, in addition to the other annual courses organised for students from the Commercial Studies College.

Islamic charity meeting

THE board of directors at the Islamic International Charity Organisation has wound up its 7th meeting held under the chairmanship of Youssef Jaseem Al Hajji.

A series of sessions were held during the two-day meeting during which discussions dealt with the various achievements and future projects of the organisation, which aim to support protect and develop the well-being of Islam and Muslims throughout the world.

The chairman of the organisation gave a statement at the conclusion of the 7th meeting's activities in which he praised the donations made in Kuwait and Qatar in support of the implementation and funding of various projects undertaken by the organisation.

He pointed out that the profits

so far incurred by the organisation are the result of pragmatic investment activities, and that all these profits would be devoted to further support the implementation of the organisation's projects.

He said that recommendations adopted by the board included the launching of investment projects to further support the budget of the organisation and use returns for the benefit of all Muslims around the world.

Survey on health of Arab Gulf children

PREPARATIONS for the completion of the scientific survey on the health of Bahraini children is currently underway according to the director of Arab Gulf children health project Dr Sameer Khalfan.

He added that the project will cover Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Qatar, UAE, Oman and Bahrain. The project has been recommended by the Arab Gulf health ministers during their meeting held in 1983 which aims at studying biological and environmental changes and its effects on the health of mothers and children in addition to infant mortality rates.

He added that the study was also aimed among other things at re-evaluating current health programmes pertaining to children and mothers and obtaining the necessary information required for health planning.

The project feasibility study will cost about US\$1 million and will be financed by the governments concerned in co-operation with Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organisation (AGFUND), UN Fund for Population Activities, World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF, Khalfan said.

No more traffic congestion

THE director of the General Traffic Department Brigadier Abdul Hameed Al Hajji has said that instructions have been issued to all department personnel to ensure that there is no more traffic congestion between the hours of 7 to 8.30 in the morning.

These directives are intended to reduce traffic jams and facilitate car movement during peak hours when employees rush to work.

This necessitates all department staff to be present at all crowded sites daily to help traffic policemen perform their duties.

Under the directives of the Minister of Interior the existing traffic code provisions would undergo certain revisions, enabling stricter jail terms for violators of traffic regulations, and that the proposed new driving training schools would be opened soon.

Gulf Chambers Union call to develop work force

Training programmes being presented

THE Secretary General of the Gulf Chambers Union, Mohammed Abdullah Al Mulla said that a union committee viewed the methods required to develop Gulf administrative officers to conform with the chambers requirements and fast developments of the economy of the area.

He pointed out that some Gulf chambers represented by chambers of Saudi, Bahrain, Iraq and Oman met in Kuwait last week and viewed features of training

programmes presented by some Gulf chambers and a number of productive, industrial, agricultural, commercial and service establishments to train workers in the private sector. The meeting also discussed the role played by the union general secretariat to generalise these training programmes.

In a statement made to a local daily, Mulla said that training is considered a strong back up to qualify and prepare

workers in the area so they can fully carry the responsibilities of work. He said that the committee took a decision on commissioning the union general secretariat to collect features designed to develop Gulf administrative officers.

Regarding future activities of the Gulf Chambers Union, the official said that the general secretariat is currently preparing for a symposium on benefitting from waste (garbage).

He pointed out that the symposium will be held in Nov. 1989 in Saudi Arabia, and that a number of officials and waste specialists will take part in the symposium.

The General Secretariat of the union is also preparing for another symposium on agricultural development and its future in Arab Gulf countries. This symposium is scheduled to be held during the first quarter of 1990.

Spurious cigarettes pose health hazard

Asian workers main victims

SOME agents and importers of cigarettes spotlighted the dangers that threaten the health of hundreds of Asian workers who smoke substandard quality of cigarettes coupled with their validity having expired.

Medical treatment provided by the state costs the government a huge outlay of funds to treat these Asian workers from respiratory and other related ailments they suffer as a direct cause of smoking these unsupervised forms of tobacco.

The agents claimed that these spurious cigarettes had been produced in 1985 and 1986, but are still available in the local market and sold to Asian workers in the camps where they work and reside in Kuwait through different channels which are not controlled and supervised by the Ministry of Public Health.

The vigilance of the authorities in the local market resulted in no sales of these cigarettes and resulted in importers offloading these imports at throwaway prices at the expense of the public health of smokers.

Re-export
Edward Riyadh, a director of one of the cigarette agencies in Kuwait stressed that old stocks of cigarettes which had their validity expire several years ago are still being sold in some groceries.

He added that stocks of British cigarettes are usually marked

within 45 days from their arrival and about 60 days for American brands.

Riyadh added that agents should re-export their imports within a period of 90 days of being imported into the local market. He said that this period is insufficient for agents to ascertain if their goods can be sold in the local market or should be re-exported.

He went on to say that profits realised by importers from the sale of expensive cigarettes are more than profits collected from the cheaper varieties. Some new brands of cigarettes imported into the local market also require additional overheads like adverts and free gifts which in turn increased the costs of these newer brands — although their costs at the countries of origin are low.

Some dealers and people interested in the cigarette market said that a rush by some importers to market their old stocks at Asian camps will increase the consumption of bad cigarettes. They added that one cannot visualise a Chinese worker who is paid only KD25 a month purchasing a box of cigarettes for KD2.50.

They added that low wage workers are the natural market for old and spurious stocks of cigarettes which are sold for only 0.500 fils a carton. They said that cheap cigarettes account for 50

percent of total sales of cigarettes in the local market. The stiff competition among cigarette agents compelled some firms to drastically reduce their profit margins.

Edward Riyadh again speaking on the subject said that procedures taken by the GCC states to reduce percentage of tar and nicotine (unified specifications) will not achieve goals they were intended for. Smokers used to smoking a certain level of nicotine will now smoke a larger number of cigarettes in order to obtain the same level of nicotine he used to ingest before.

One of the agents pointed out that Gulf specifications being studied by authorities in the GCC states will not be beneficial to smokers. The new regulations on medical basis, will only contribute to an increase in the intake of cigarettes by Gulf smokers, the agent said. He said regulations will not adversely affect the number of smokers. Sales are only affected during the holy month of Ramadan, he said.

He added that during the last few years the sales of American cigarettes in the local market had increased to 65 per cent of the total sales while sale of British cigarettes amounted to 35 per cent. He denied that Japanese cigarettes or cigarettes from any other country had a significant status or are sold in appreciable quantities in the local market.

Amir to patronise meeting Arab, African ministers to meet in Kuwait

KUWAIT, June 13, (KUNA): HH the Amir will patronise on Monday meetings of the 10th session for the permanent committee for Afro-Arab co-operation.

HH will emphasise, in his inaugural speech, the importance of co-operation between the two sides and the need to enhance it for the best of the Arab and African peoples.

Following the address, meetings will move to Kuwait International Hotel, a source at the Foreign Ministry told KUNA.

He said that the three-day discussions will centre on means of strengthening co-operation in the political, economic, cultural and information fields.

The source indicated that the two sides will uphold a co-ordination meeting on Sunday, with the attendance of Arab League secretary-general and chairman of the Organisation of African Unity.

The Afro-Arab meetings, to be held at the level of foreign mini-

sters, will also be preceded by a preparatory session for the experts committee on Saturday and Sunday to outline the agenda.

The permanent committee meeting will be attended by 24 countries, 12 of the Arab side and the other half from Africa.

The Arab side will be represented by Kuwait, the host state, Algeria, Libya, Lebanon, Iraq, Mauritania, Syria, Palestine, Jordan, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Somalia.

Africa will be represented by Angola, Burkina Faso, Congo, Ghana, Guinea, Mauritius, Mozambique, Tanzania, Tunisia, Sierra Leone and Swaziland.

A number of Arab and African institutions will attend the meetings as observers, including the Arab League Education, Culture and Science Organisation (ALESCO), the Arab Bank for Economic Developments in Africa and the Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA).

Zakat seminar opens

THE 2nd seminar on the contemporary questions of Zakat (alms) will open today at Sheraton Hotel under the patronage of the Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khaled Al Jassar. The seminar that will last for three days is organised by Zakat House. The director general of Zakat House Fuad Al Omar has said that the seminar aims at treating the contemporary questions of Zakat and finding Islamic answers for them. He added that the seminar will discuss 16 scientific and specialised papers on the contemporary questions that face application of Zakat in the right way. The papers will focus on several questions like the Zakat of investment and long term debts, the Zakat of government debts and the transferring of Zakat money out of the country of the Muslim who pays Zakat. He added that about 50 Muslim scholars specialised in Zakat questions will attend the seminar. The seminar is a continuation of the first seminar that was held in Cairo, he said.

Power grid consultancy firm hired

RIYADH, June 13, (KUNA): The Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) today signed an agreement here with a Canadian consultancy firm to undertake a detailed study of connecting the six GCC states' electricity grid, to include in the first phase Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar and Kuwait.

The \$1.26 million contract was signed by Assistant GCC Secretary for Economic Affairs Dr Abdulla Al Quais and by the director-general of Hydro Quebec, Canada.

The two-year technical study will determine estimate cost of the project, optimum finance means, contribution by each state, legal relationship and the need for a central control system for the project.

Founded in 1981, the GCC comprises Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, Bahrain, Qatar and the Sultanate of Oman.

A feasibility study prepared by the GCC secretariat on the scheme has assured its viability in meeting any power shortage in cases of emergency, reducing overall generation costs and building up an adequate reserve.

Cleanliness campaign

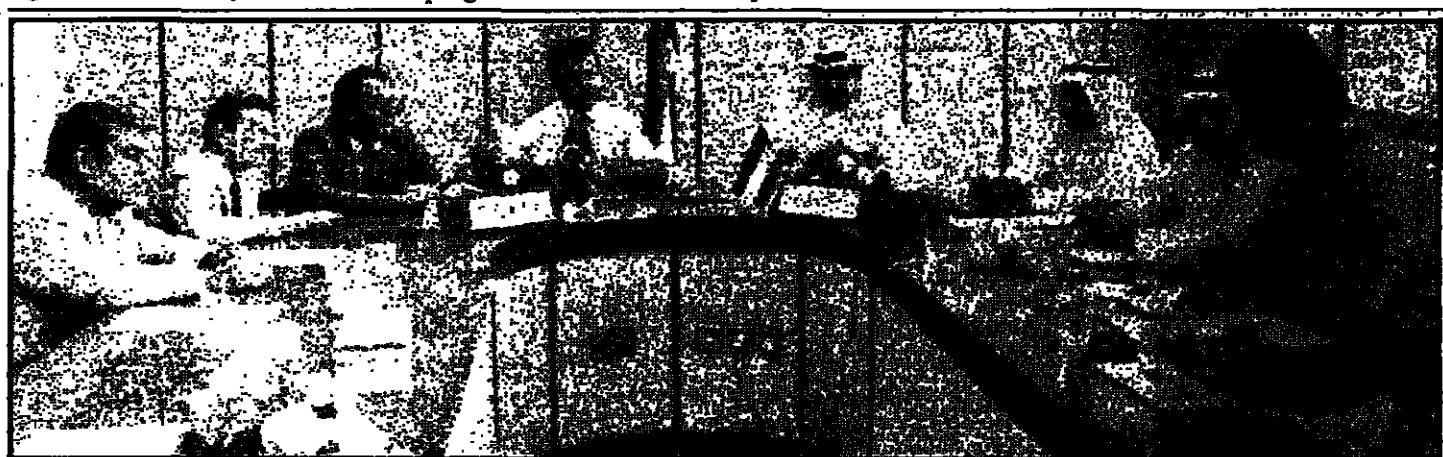
KUWAIT Municipality published an announcement on the occasion of the beginning of summer season urging beach and public garden visitors to co-operate in preserving cleanliness and safety of these utilities.

The announcement added that the Municipality of Kuwait reminds residents and citizens to comply with general cleanliness directives. It also pointed out that municipality centres located at all areas are ready to co-operate with the visitors of these utilities.

The announcement came upon directives of the Municipality General Director, Sheikh Sabah Al Jaber Al Ali.

Bank loans

KUWAIT'S Savings and Credit Bank has provided about 134 real estate loans during the month of May amounting to KD6.5 million, a local daily reported. It added that social loans extended by the bank during the same month amounted to 340 loans valued at KD607,000. The bank disbursed to borrowers during the month an amount of KD9.5 million, while repayments from the bank's borrowers amounted to KD2.9 million, the daily reported.



The two sides discussing the memorandum

Kuwait, Turkey sign memo of understanding

KUWAIT, June 13, (KUNA): Kuwait and Turkey signed on Sunday a memorandum of understanding which is hoped to ensure smooth flow of Turkish exports through land routes to Kuwait.

The signing of the memo on land transportation came at the end of a three-day meeting for a joint Kuwait-Turkish committee that discussed hindrances facing land transportation of Turkish

products to Kuwait.

The committee's discussions centred on transport and customs affairs between the two countries against the backdrop of a pertinent agreement they signed in 1970. Turkey is Kuwait's largest foodstuffs supplier.

Head of the Kuwaiti side to the committee's meeting, Communications Assistant Undersecretary for Transport Affairs Saqr Al Soudan said the Turkish

side demonstrated co-operation and understanding of the problems faced by vehicles carrying products and passengers to and from Kuwait.

The committee achieved good results which would strengthen co-operation and ties between the two friendly countries, he added.

Soudan said Kuwait would see to it that recommendations and resolutions be implemented in

the shortest time possible. Problems that have caused delays for trucks at land borders was a key topic discussed by the committee, he said.

One of the remedies recommended was that Turkish suppliers should provide Kuwaiti customers with full data about vehicles and drivers as well as shipment documents before the consignments reached the Kuwaiti borders, he said.

CSC meeting held

KUWAIT, June 13, (KUNA): Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs Dhari Abdulla Al Othman today affirmed that an organised and conscious management provides the best services and guarantees success for state plans.

Speaking at a meeting for the 4th group of higher management, co-sponsored by the Civil Service Commission and the Employees' Diwan, Othman said that such gatherings aim first and foremost at upgrading the quality of performance in the various government bodies.

He added that all state higher managements should co-ordinate among themselves to realise the sought goal, namely better performance by each particular body.

The minister said that overlapping among government apparatuses poses an important obstacle before the Civil Service Commission, affirming that managements can play a key role toward ending this problem, which burdens the citizen and the parties concerned.

Othman indicated that a bright civil servant must be awarded accordingly.

He said that the citizen must also shoulder some of the responsibility in the administrative reform movement, because he is the main recipient of government services.

He affirmed that enhancing the performance of government managements became a public goal following the Amir's decree on administrative reform.

In conclusion, the minister thanked the managements which attended the meeting.

New Kuwaiti passports

THE director-general for General Department of Nationality and Travel Documents Sheikh Mohammad Al Khaled Al Sabah has said that the situation of the present Kuwaiti passport for a new design passport is currently under consideration.

He told a local daily that the department has no intention to change the current format of the Kuwait Nationality Document, and that the existing design conformed to an international security specifications.

He reaffirmed that personal influence had no part whatsoever to play in the processing of the different transactions and paperwork handled by the department and that anyone who had complaints to make against the way with which transactions were processed by the department staff was welcome to come forward.

He said that the department processes as many as 1,000 transactions on a daily basis and that the ultimate purpose is to facilitate procedures and ensure optimum service to citizens.

He pointed out that among problems the department had to cope with was the loss of the nationality certificate, passports and travel documents. All citizens have been advised to double protect these important official documents and to report the loss of such documents to the department immediately.

He said that the department processed a total of 280,000 transactions over the last year, 106,387 of which were processed by the Kuwaiti Nationality Division, 136,589 by the Kuwaiti Passports Division and 1,588 by the Kuwaiti Laissez Passe Division.

IBK to facilitate loans to small farmers

THE Industrial Bank of Kuwait (IBK) has announced its decision to facilitate loans for small scale farmers.

The primary condition for acceptance or refusal of loan applications depends on the economic feasibility of the project. Another vital aspect in the proposal document should provide evidence that the project will be conducive towards providing a certain level of food security to the country coupled with the soundness of achieving good profits for the farmers which would enable them to repay their loans and continue agricultural production.

Rasheed Abdul Mehsein Al Sharhan, director of the agricultural finance portfolio department at IBK, said that farmers applying for loans should provide a detailed background on his farm, estimated costs of the project, a detailed feasibility study of the project along with salient points which would enhance the selection potential of any given proposal.

The official added that the IBK was primarily instituted to diversify the infrastructure of the State of Kuwait by developing industries not related to the oil sector. With

the keenness evidenced by HH the Amir towards the development of the agricultural sector and to assist farmers, IBK believes it to be an ideal vehicle by which these two aims can be fulfilled.

With these objectives which fall within the charter of IBK, the bank has decided to provide financial and technical expertise to farmers who approach the bank for such facilities. The assistance of IBK in this respect also focuses on positively contributing towards food security of the country, official sources said.

CONDOLENCE

The Managing Committee & members of the Flying Arrows Sporting Centre deeply mourn the tragic death of our dear friend



WOLFGANG A. FURTADO
Born: 30.10.1961
Died: 1.5.1989

A mass will be offered at the Cathedral (Kuwait City) on 15.6.89 at 6.30 pm.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

USI arranges college entrance

BAHRAINI students intending to go to India for higher studies are being provided help and advice from a leading International education and cultural organisation.

United Schools International (USI) Arab Regional Office based in Bahrain is arranging the admission of Bahraini students to medical, dental and engineering courses in colleges in Manipal, Belgaum, Bangalore, Coimbatore and Madras in India in the forthcoming academic year starting in July. According to a USI press communique issued to the Arab Times total guidance is offered and admission secured to the applicants in the institutions mentioned.

Seats are still available and registration is valid up to June 20, 1989.

Engineering and medical seats are available on payment of cash donations. Admissions for Arts, Science and Commerce courses are now closed.

The admission service is made available on payment of a fee which varies according to the course chosen. Once the fee is paid, the candidate gets everything done by USI office which, in collaboration with its Indian associates, arranges the admission which is brought to the candidates' doors.

Now that Bahrain's school certificate has been recognised as equivalent to India's junior college degree, direct admission to degree courses is arranged.

Last year USI Arab Regional Office secured admission for about 30 students in colleges in Bangalore, Coimbatore, Pune and Manipal.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri audience

KUWAIT, June 13, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today received His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

Nomination

KUWAIT, June 13, (KUNA): International Federation for Nuclear Medicine and Biology has nominated Dr Hussein Abdul Daim as an international advisor of the federation.

A statement by the secretary of the federation's executive committee Dr Leonard Rozant said that the nomination of Dr Hussein was made in appreciation of his distinguished efforts in his field of specialisation.

Dr Hussein is serving with the Kuwait University as head of the Faculty of Nuclear Medicine.

Sabah confers

KUWAIT, June 13, (KUNA): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah today conferred with Djibouti's Foreign Minister Moumin Bahdon Farah on bilateral relations, current Arab developments and mutual issues.

Farah is accompanying President of Djibouti Hassan Gouled who arrived here yesterday on an official three-day visit.

Gulf TV

ABU DHABI, June 13, (KUNA): United Arab Emirates Information and Culture Undersecretary Abdullah Al Nouwais opened here today the 18th meeting for Gulf television programmes.

The director-general of Gulf TV, Saoud Abdel Hamid Dakhawi told KUNA that the agenda will deal with the re-organisation of Baghdad International Television Festival due to be held March 1990.

Dakhawi added that the conference will also discuss member states' proposals for future programmes which aim at promoting co-operation among them.

The two-day meeting is attended by all member states which comprise of United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Iraq, Qatar and Kuwait.

Science trip

A DELEGATION of talented Science Club members and students of science camps will go on a scientific trip to the United States of America from June 29 until July 22, 1989.

Expenses of the scientific trip are financed by HH the Amir as an encouragement to enhance talents and scientific knowledge. During the trip the delegation will visit scientific establishments and centres in America.

The acting general-secretary of the Science Club, Sheikh Sabah Hameed Al Sabah urged delegation members to carry the responsibility in representing Kuwait.

Turkish link

THE director of Manuscripts, Heritage and Documents Centre of the Society for the Revival of Islamic Heritage Mohammed Al Shibani has said that the centre will soon be linked by a unified network with the computer of Sulaimaniya Library in Istanbul which is considered to be the greatest heritage library centre in the world.

Shibani who returned to Kuwait after visiting the library in Istanbul said that society covered costs of entering about 100,000 manuscripts in the computer of Sulaimaniya Library. The manuscripts were classified as Arabic, Persian and Turkish.

Weather meeting

GCC meteorology officials will hold their meeting in Geneva from June 19-22.

The meeting to be held at the premises of International Organisation for Meteorology will debate several topics including the developing of meteorological services in member states in addition to the discussing of the advanced monitoring of locust swarms.

The meeting will also debate the upgrading of national efficient working in the field of meteorology.

DGCA statistics

THE Directorate General for Civil Aviation announced that 2240 flights used Kuwait airport during the month of May, an increase of four per cent compared to the same period last year. A release by the directorate said that over 199,000 passengers used the airport during the same month, recording a 20 per cent increase during the corresponding period last year. In addition, over 18,000 passengers used additional flights, a drop of eight per cent from last year. The release said that the quantity of incoming and outgoing cargo during the month was over 6,600 tons showing an increase of seven per cent registered during the same month of last year.

Top support for development process

Preparing for the 1990's

THE Assistant Undersecretary for Administrative Development at the Civil Service Commission Naser Al Sane has said that the meetings held by top government officials over the ongoing national administrative development process are aimed at fostering the crystallisation of a unified concept and agreeing on working

plans to put the various related projects into operation.

Competition

The development process is receiving top-level support and follow-up, being a preparatory stage for the 1990's. The primary intention is to develop services, optimise public performance and

reduce obstructive formalities in government procedure, Sane said.

He pointed out that top-government meetings would be resumed in October this year, and results indicated that these meetings had so far been fruitful, as government agencies compete in developing their per-

formance, output and services.

A meeting will be held this week with government assistant undersecretaries, directors-general and their deputies operating in various government establishments to follow up on matters discussed during the previous meeting with top-level administrators.

Inhaling glue rampant: study

Kuwaiti youth form bulk of addicts

MOST juveniles referred to the Minors Welfare House on charges of using drugs, have only been inhaling the glue-material known as Patex, according to a researcher at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

Ibrahim Abdul Salam said that between 1983 and 1988, 113 delinquent juveniles have been referred to the house, 63 for drug abuse. He said, a research study submitted to a symposium held recently to find ways to combat drugs in Kuwait indicated that most minors were used to inhaling Patex while the rest are addicted to taking cocaine, liquor and drug pills. He added that majority of the minors suffered from repeated study failures or have been expelled or suspended for not attending classes.

Reasons

Speaking about the reasons of the minors drug addiction, the researcher said that social research on them showed that their families totally neglect them. Most of the families of the minors were characterised as negligent in looking after their children. He added that 40 per cent of the families spoil their children by answering all their demands without taking care of the consequences. 29 per cent of the families of the minors had one of the parents strict while the other totally lenient and protective. This confused the minors and they could not understand what was wrong and what was right. He added that 27 per cent of the families of the minors under research were characterised by being very tough and cruel at times with their children.

Parenting

The researcher said that 76 per cent of the families of the minors had no social links. They don't exchange visits with friends, don't accompany their children to parks, gardens or any where else. He added that 27 per cent of their families had weak inter-relations.

He said that this is a direct result of smaller nuclear families which started appearing in modern Kuwaiti society. He added that 24 per cent of the families suffer from weak religious consciousness, resulting in their being unable to transfer religious values to their children.

20 per cent of the minors families have very low moral standards, thus the example to follow in the father or mother was clearly lacking for the delinquent minors. In some cases, fathers consumed liquor in front of their children or commit adultery with the maid and then his affairs are known even to his children. In some other cases, strange men visit their mothers without any known relationship resulting in adverse psychological effects on the children.

Analyses

Speaking and analysing school facts that lead the minors to drug addiction or Patex inhaling, the researcher said that majority of the Patex inhalers have been suffering from continuous failures at schools, mainly resulting from lack of motive for education and in not attending classes. As a result, the feeling of failure, low standard and others are generated in the minds of these minors. The researcher added that 80 per cent of the delinquent minors enjoyed medium level intelligence while the remaining 20 per cent simply care for nothing. They go crazy chasing their desires without caring for the consequences.

Crime

Concentrating on the Patex inhalers who are the largest of the delinquent minors, he said that 82 per cent smoke, 67 per cent are simply outlaws to their parents authority while 64 per cent use other addictive substances besides Patex which includes petrol, pills, Cologne, shampoo, insecticides and even air fresheners. This shows that this group likes to experiment with all types of drugs that give them a high. They attributed this attitude by claiming that they want to forget their problems. The age group of these young boys is only between 10-18 years.

Salam added that as this group

of minors are reckless and have the tendency to fulfil their desires for freedom and independence, they resort to driving cars at a very young age, possibly little over 12 years. This begins in the desert, then the venue is shifted to the roads and in a later stage experiment with speed.

58 per cent of the minors under research experienced driving without licence. The researcher said that after inhaling Patex, most of them become dizzy and may commit any kind of crimes. They fear nothing, nor do they care for anything. 58 per cent of them had committed at least one crime.

The researcher also found that 56 per cent of the group always run away from home and also from classes at schools. 59 per cent keep bad company, to whom they are very loyal. As they enjoy bad company when they get a chance to gather in a house or in a diwaniya, they tend to watch blue films. 53 per cent have watched or bought or got through other means, sex films. When such groups become more friendly and close to each other, they resort to robberies. They divide the stolen materials among themselves. 49 per cent were involved in robberies, while 20 per cent gambled.

Personalities

On analysing their personalities, the researcher found that 83 per cent had very weak personalities, while 71 per cent were characterised by being curious. He said that the tendency to follow others was present among 62 per cent while 53 per cent had the feeling of vengeance and were hostile towards society, while 44.4 per cent felt they were oppressed.

About the social status of their families, he said that 33 per cent of the minors belonged to very stable families, which indicates that the cause of their delinquency was something else. 31 per cent belonged to divorced parents, while 18 per cent had at least one parent dead, while 15 per cent belonged to families practising polygyny.

Salam added that most of the cases came from Sabahiya, Kheitan, Sulabikhat, Sulabiya and Rabiya. 53 per cent of the minors were in the age group between 15-17 years.

UASC seeks protection for local lines

A STUDY undertaken for the United Arab Shipping Company recommended imposing fines on violators who transport goods on foreign navigational lines without prior written permission from Arab shipping companies. Further, the study urged banks and insurance companies to encourage importers to deal with area navigational lines.

The study said that the biggest joint Gulf navigation company operates with less than its commercial power due to competition imposed by foreign companies which account for the largest share of the region's trade.

Competition

It added that Gulf marine shipping industry is working under very competitive conditions. It called for giving equal rights to the industry of marine transportation and other navigation companies working at other industrial projects with relation to granting them loans presented by specialised banks at low interest rates.

The study said that these moves will encourage these companies to expand their projects and develop their commercial fleets and be in a position to compete with foreign marine shipping.

The study also called for imposing conditions to restrict foreign suppliers to deal only with national navigational ships while shipping government contractual requirements.

Education specialists urge use of television

By Jadranka Porter

Arab Times staff

AMERICAN media education specialists urged the developing countries to use television as an instructional tool in general education but also to unmask the violence and fantasy world often portrayed on commercial television.

"We have to show children that dramatic and sensational programmes are just that, and that commercial television is just a business," said Dr Edward Palmer, an independent media advisor and author.

There is a need for serious programmes about violence on commercial TV, he said, adding that extensive portrayal of crime argues strongly against using TV just as an entertainment media. Palmer and another media education expert Dr Dee Brock, were fielding questions on the role of television in education from Pakistan, Kuwait and Bahrain via a satellite link-up with Worldnet, a US government network based in Washington.

Brock said that educational programme producers lack the financial resources to beat commercial television at its own game.

"Commercial television spends \$500,000 for a 30-minute programme while only 20 per cent of that is spent on an educational programme," Brock pointed out.

"We should produce less and produce it much better," she stressed.

Palmer, however, argued that the cumulative effect of educational programmes can come close to competing with commercial television.

"We can't treat an educational programme just as another programme. We must make our programmes attractive and we must run them again and again," he said.

Programmes with a profoundly humane message can help counteract TV violence, he said. Palmer, who helped Gulf countries produce the Arabic version of the children's programme Sesame Street, said the series sought to instill in children special values such as the dignity of working with their hands.

Both guest speakers advocated a wide use of television in education saying that 30 years of research in the US demonstrated the effectiveness of TV among teachers, adults and children at every grade level. However, they admitted that despite wide spread use of television to educate the public the US still has up to 20 million functionally illiterate people, the result of a high rate of school drop-outs and a large influx of immigrants.

They urged the full use of broadcast spectrum in education but advised the Gulf states to set up a regional membership organisation that will devise a common policy and programmes that can be shared.



Amir receives Gouled

President of Djibouti Hassan Gouled yesterday paid a visit to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah at Bayan Palace where they held official talks. Talks between the two sides covered results of the extraordinary Arab summit recently held in Casablanca, Arab and African issues in the light of international developments as well as bilateral relations. Both leaders shared identical view points towards the issues discussed.

Riyadh education meeting

Call to counter cultural invasion

RIYADH, June 13, (GNA): The secretaries-general and directors of Arab Gulf Joint Educational Institutions concluded their third meeting here yesterday.

The officials who held their meeting at the Riyadh based Arab Gulf Education Bureau called for strengthening of relations among the Arab Gulf education institutions by increasing co-operation and enhancing their role in the field of Arab Gulf joint co-operation.

The members called on the Arab Gulf institutions to counter all kinds of challenges including the invasion of thought and culture through joint programmes and activities.

The Arab Gulf institutions were urged to co-ordinate with their counterparts in the other Arab countries as well as the international organisation in order to benefit from the expertise of such organisations particularly in the technical and applied disciplines.

The officials called for the provision of necessary financial resources for the support and exchange of expertise among the Gulf institutions in addition to opening doors for the private sector to carry out its regional projects.

The meeting called on the Gulf institutions and authorities to undertake the final review of the draft of the second print of the Arab Gulf Organisations and Authorities Directory to be performed within two months. Organisations and authorities who failed to submit the necessary data were urged to get

it presented as early as possible to the Arab Gulf Centre for Information and Documentation in a prelude to be submitted finally to the Arab Gulf Education Bureau.

Meanwhile, the conferees called for holding an exhibition which will include the publications, issues and reviews of the Gulf institutions and authorities.

The exhibition is to be held at the fringe of the Gulf Joint Educational Institution fourth meeting which is scheduled to take place in Kuwait. The exhibition aims at acquainting the public with the activities of Gulf educational and cultural activities.

In the area of co-operative co-ordination, the conferees had called the Arab Gulf Centre for Information and Documentation to co-ordinate its efforts with the Arab Gulf Education Bureau for the establishing of data base and for collecting and ratifying the thesis submitted to Gulf universities.

Meanwhile, the conferees confirmed the importance of the resolution adopted by the second meeting concerning the exchange of the programmes and annual scheme among the Gulf organisations and authorities by providing programmes and schemes to the meeting's chairman who will get it circulated.

The participants of the meeting also called for benefiting from the training opportunities offered by the organisation and authorities.

Further, the meeting called the organisations and authorities of member states to develop its own data system and bases and to recruit expertise required to implement the necessary technology and telecommunication systems.

Police beat

Stealing charge

THE Court of Misdemeanours sentenced a maid to two years with hard labour and ordered her deportation from Kuwait for stealing around KD100 from her employers. The maid utilised the absence of the employer's family and carried out the theft. It was learnt that she broke into the bedroom of her employers and opened the cupboard and a suitcase. She also took her passport and her clothes with her.

In the court, the maid denied the allegations saying that it was the employer's wife who beat and kicked her out of the house adding that the family did not pay her salary for three months and agreed to give her passport instead. She added that they fabricated the charges so that they could forego the payment. The court did not believe the maid's story and sentenced her to two years imprisonment.

Murder arrest

SECURITY authorities are investigating two Egyptians and a Syrian in relation with the murder of a 7-year-old girl. The body of the girl was found last week in Fintas area. The three men were arrested Monday evening for suspicion of committing the crime, security sources said.

Fake police

DETECTIVES at Ahmadi Governorate apprehended a Kuwaiti citizen identified as Ahmed A. on charges of posing as a police official and threatening to kill a man, according to the Public Relations Department at the Ministry of Interior.

The victim identified as Hussain N. an Iraqi national complained to police that the defendant had after posing to be a detective threatened to kill him with a pistol.

Detectives who apprehended the accused said that the pistol was in fact a toy. Investigations are in progress.

Found dead

AN Indian national was found dead in the swimming pool of Kuwait University at Khaldiya, according to the Interior Ministry's Public Relations Department.

The victim has been identified as a farrash employed at the university. Investigations are being carried out, but no details have yet been disclosed.

Death at age 120

A 120-year old man identified as Mohammed Abdulla Al Shayer died at the Ajman Hospital in the UAE yesterday.

According to reliable sources, Shayer was born in Umm Al Qwain but shifted to Ajman as a youth. He had worked in Bahrain, the Gulf states and some countries in the Far East and Africa.

The funeral was attended by the ruler of Ajman Sheikh Hameed Bin Rashid Al Naimi and a large number of dignitaries.

Circle conversion

AN official source at Kuwait Traffic Department was quoted as saying that the department in co-operation with the Ministry of Public Works will convert the Al Sabah Circle located at the crossing of Istiklal Street and the First Ring Road into a cross road with traffic lights.

This step is taken to facilitate work on the tunnel project scheduled to be constructed at the First Ring Road.

CARS FOR SALE

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

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Peace prospects dim in Ethiopia

By Francis Melongwa

A GOVERNMENT signpost near Asmara's Johannes IV airport in northern Ethiopia proclaims: "we are struggling for peace, socialism and progress."

But for the past 28 years, the 400,000 inhabitants of Asmara as well as more than 2.5 million others in neighbouring cities and districts appear to have enjoyed little of the three avowed goals.

Rebels of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) waging a bloody campaign for independence of Eritrea province, have forced the Ethiopian government to transform Eritrea's capital Asmara into a fortress, ringed by thousands of troops who are backed by tanks, armoured cars and MiG jets.

The airport itself is encircled by government troops who have dug deep trenches and heaped sandbags all round.

All around the city, troops in green camouflage nervously patrol the streets, armed with automatic rifles.

Every now and then, military trucks with armed soldiers drive past streets filled with terrified residents.

"We wait, hope and pray for peace," said a dejected Catholic priest who declined to be named.

"I have been preaching that there should be patience, love and peace since the war began 28 years ago. People are asking if God is deaf since they have not seen any concrete results to our pleas. We are merely hoping against hope," he added.

This correspondent, among a group of foreign journalists on a rare government-approved tour of Eritrea last week, spoke to several Asmara residents but most of them became agitated when questioned about the war. Africa's longest-running conflict in which hundreds of thousands of people have been killed.

"I just want to work and live in peace. I don't care about other things," businessman Meheme Gebere-Stidike, 62, told Reuters, when questioned about how he lived in a town virtually run by troops.

Another resident, asking that he not be identified, said: "You can see a lot of fear in the people's faces. They are silent but they want a peaceful solution. They don't care whether it comes from the right or left."

Government officials readily admit that often the war has thwarted development, as much of the country's economic, human and other resources have been diverted to holding rebellion at bay.

Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam, responding to increasing pressure from within and outside the country for a settlement of the Eritrean conflict, last week unveiled a six-point plan under which he offered unconditional peace talks to EPLF rebels.

The initiative was turned down by the rebels although they said they still supported talks as a means of ending the conflict. This was the latest in a string of proposals which have been rebuffed by the insurgents.

But senior Western diplomats in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa held out hopes that the EPLF would eventually agree to talks with the government.

"They (EPLF) are merely dragging their feet because they know they will be negotiating from a position of strength," one diplomat said.

"The government's proposals seem to be very reasonable, at least on the surface, and an accommodation with the EPLF. If the EPLF turns them down, they will lose sympathy in the world and within Ethiopia and Eritrea," he added.

The diplomats noted that it was the first time that Mengistu had offered peace talks without preconditions.

The proposed negotiations would be attended by international observers, a demand long made by the EPLF which is deeply suspicious of government intentions.

In the past 18 months, the government has suffered heavy losses at the hands of the insurgents who now control much of Eritrea's provinces.

Then last month, members of Ethiopia's military high command unsuccessfully tried to seize power while Mengistu was on a visit to East Germany, citing the need to end the Eritrean conflict as a key reason for their action.

Twenty-seven mutinous officers, 11 of them generals, were killed by government loyalist troops quelling the revolt, the most serious challenge to Mengistu's 15-year Marxist rule.

More than 100 other top army officers are still being held in connection with the abortive coup, which began in Addis Ababa but was mainly centred in Asmara.

The Soviet Union, Mengistu's chief military backer, has also put pressure on Ethiopia to seek a peaceful resolution of the Eritrean war, which is costing the government 765 million dollars a year, or half its annual economic budget.

Mengistu, while offering his new olive branch, stressed that the government would discuss anything and everything regarding the future of Eritrea but the province's secession.

Diplomats speculated that the government was likely to give Eritrea a loose federation with Ethiopia, the same status that the region enjoyed between 1952 and 1962.

The province, strategically located along the Red Sea and the cradle of Ethiopia's famed ancient civilisation, was once colonised by Italy. It now enjoys limited autonomy.

As well as the rebels, there are now demands by Eritrea's Muslims and Christians that the province be divided between the two groups, each enjoying full autonomy.

To compound problems, EPLF rebels have recently been fighting alongside another rebel movement, the Tigra People's Liberation Front, campaigning to topple Mengistu from bases in Tigra province, which is adjacent to Eritrea.

"The road to peace looks fraught with imponderables and will be very hard and long. What with all these demands, how will the government satisfy the different factions?" a diplomat asked.

(Reuters Ethiopia)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1497 — Duke of Gandia is murdered, allegedly by Cesare Borgia, who acquires dominant position in Papal politics.
- 1645 — Forces under Oliver Cromwell defeat royalists at Naseby in England.
- 1800 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte defeats Austrians at battle of Marengo and reconquers Italy.
- 1898 — Anglo-French convention defines boundaries in Nigeria and Gold Coast.
- 1939 — Japanese blockade British concession at Tientsin.
- 1940 — German forces occupy Paris in World War II.
- 1941 — US President Franklin D. Roosevelt orders freeing of German and Italian assets in United States.
- 1949 — Vietnam state is established at Saigon under Bao Dai.
- 1959 — United States agrees to provide Greece with nuclear information and supply ballistic rockets.
- 1962 — European Space Research Organisation is established at Paris, France.
- 1964 — High winds and floods in West Pakistan destroy hundreds of homes and take more than 250 lives.
- 1967 — US Mariner spacecraft is launched toward Venus to try finding out if that planet can support life.
- 1975 — Soviet Union launches its second spacecraft in six days toward Venus for October rendezvous designed to land one or two capsules on planet.
- 1980 — United States rejects European call for role by Palestine Liberation Organisation in Middle East peace talks.
- 1987 — Pope John Paul II ends week-long pilgrimage to his native Poland with stern lecture about human rights to nation's communist leadership.
- 1988 — Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega outlines new economic measures that lift controls from prices and wages.

Judges and victims are comrades-in-arms

Military courts: second battlefield against intifada

By Allyn Fisher

MUNZER Zaatar, a tall, 15-year-old Palestinian, glared at the military judge. He insisted he wasn't in the West Bank village of El Ram on May 9 when he was accused of throwing stones at soldiers.

But Maj. Shlomo Isaacson, the military judge, gave more weight to the testimony of a soldier, even though he contradicted an earlier written statement about the location of the arrest.

Isaacson sentenced Zaatar, who claimed he was in Jerusalem that day, to 10 months imprisonment, even though no one was hurt in the stoning incident. Zaatar was expected to serve the time in a special juvenile wing of an Israeli jail, his lawyer said.

"These actions have turned into a plague on our country which must be uprooted," the judge said.

"I didn't do anything," the jean-clad Zaatar shouted as a soldier escorted him from the dingy courtroom. His aunt, Hanan Zaatar, wept over the verdict.

The trial was one of dozens held daily to process most of the 35,000 Arabs who have been arrested, by official count, since the uprising in the occupied territories began 18 months ago. The detainees account for about 2 per cent of the 1.7 people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Biased

Human rights activists claim the military courts are biased because judges and witnesses are comrades in arms. They contend the courts usually mete out harsher sentences to Arabs than to Jewish soldiers charged with abusing Palestinians.

Brig. Gen. Amnon Straschnow, head of the military court system, said the trials give Palestinians a fair chance to plead their cases. He said there have been several hundred acquittals in stone-throwing cases, even when soldiers identified the accused.

"We are conducting justice under fire. This may not be a classic war, but it is a kind of war. But we try to balance this security problem which is unprecedented, on the one hand, with the need to honour individual rights," Straschnow told the Associated Press.

Before the start of the rebellion, which has claimed the lives of more than 500 Palestinians and 22 Israelis, the military courts dealt mainly with cases involving armed attacks or terrorism.

Today they are inundated with the seemingly minor acts of defiance that are the trademarks of the uprising — stonings, tyre burnings, flag raisings, demonstrating.

Such cases are stretching the system to its limits. More than 13,000 Palestinians have been tried since December 1987, compared to about 1,000 in the previous year, according to Army statistics.

The average sentence has been a year



Palestinian children wave the outlawed Palestinian flag in Ramallah, an 'illegal act' punishable by Israeli military courts.

in jail and a fine equivalent to 500 dollars. Many suspects are released before being brought to trial, and about 6 per cent have been acquitted. Nearly 5,000 others are awaiting trial.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said 8,500 Palestinians are behind bars for uprising-related offenses, in addition to 4,000 prisoners jailed earlier on security charges. He said the Army intends to increase its prison capacity to accommodate 1,500 more.

Straschnow said the caseload has forced him to double the number of judges to six fulltimers and 60 reservists on call.

In April he also implemented a supreme court recommendation to set up an Army appeals court to give Palestinians a second chance.

"It is an excellent example of the rule of law even in a difficult period like this," Straschnow said.

However, as in the case of Zaatar, Palestinian attorneys are reluctant to appeal, fearing that if a harsh sentence is upheld on appeal, it will lead to harsh

sentences being handed down routinely for acts such as stonethrowings.

Report

A human rights report by the US State Department published in January said acquittals are rare for Palestinians in military courts. In serious security cases, the report suggested the courts relied too heavily on confessions that were coerced.

The civil rights group Al Haq, an Arab-run affiliate of the international commission of jurists in Geneva, Switzerland, said "evidence of an Israeli sol-

dier in military court is almost always believed in preference to the detainees."

In addition to Palestinians sentenced by courts, there are 1,508 Palestinians under administrative detention, according to Army figures. Under administrative detention procedures, inherited from the British, a suspect considered to be a security risk can be jailed for up to six months without trial and without charges being brought.

The Israeli Haaretz daily recently reported that the Army planned to widen the use of these detentions by expanding the minimum sentence from six months to a year.

The aim, the newspaper said, was a fresh attempt to crush the persisting unrest in the occupied territories without further overburdening the court system.

Straschnow said administrative detention was only used in serious cases where evidence could not be submitted in open court to protect the source, presumably an informer or secret agent.

During one recent session at the Ramallah military court, the overwhelming impression was one of chaos, and following the proceedings was like piecing together a jigsaw puzzle.

Judges skipped scheduled cases when witnesses failed to appear, prosecutors were unable to proceed because of missing files and jailers sometimes failed to deliver defendants.

Of about 30 cases scheduled for two courtrooms, only two were tried.

"It's a hopeless case, this military system. It's arbitrary. The judges and prosecutors are on the same side so one side's story is usually accepted more than the other," said Osama Saadi, a Palestinian attorney who defended Zaatar.

In an adjacent courtroom, Ibrahim Jaber, 18, of the West Bank town of Yatta had better luck.

Maj. Jonathan Livni acquitted him on charges of throwing stones Nov 16, although the boy was caught with a slingshot and a knife. The major ruled against a soldier who testified he had recognized stonethrowers at a distance of 150 yards (metres).

The sentences given Palestinian protesters contrast with those given soldiers. Sixty-seven soldiers have been tried, and 36 were found guilty of misconduct ranging from assault and battery to causing death by unnecessary use of beatings or shootings.

The heaviest sentence for a soldier has been 21 months for causing death. An additional 400 soldiers have been disciplined by the commanders with such punishments as loss of rank or position.

Asked about the disparities in sentences, Straschnow said "punishment is not mathematical."

"You have to understand the basis for the violation. Palestinians throw stones often to kill. Soldiers act in response to the violence," (AP)

Some dissidents have stayed for years

Fang Lizhi: latest to take refuge in an embassy

By Thomas Kent

HUNGARIAN Cardinal Josef Mindszenty hid out for a decade and a half at the US diplomatic mission in Budapest.

Western consulates have offered refuge to political dissidents and escaped prisoners in South Africa. Now, Chinese dissident Fang Lizhi is holed up in the US embassy in Beijing.

All have taken advantage of the right of foreign embassies, long secured in diplomatic law, to grant protection to dissidents and defectors from the countries where they are located.

Sometimes, an embassy's granting of refuge can provide an easy way out for everyone in a political conflict. Foreign missions have been used as a convent conduit, especially in Latin America, to quickly get toppled leaders and their relatives out of the country after a revolution.

But far more often, the granting of embassy refuge to opponents of the host government aggravates diplomatic tension. It can also put a heavy burden on the mission doing the sheltering.

Under international law, embassies are the territory of the country they represent, not territory of the host country. Therefore, a dissident or defector who makes it to a foreign embassy is usually safe from pursuit, if the embassy takes him in.

The embassy has no ability, however, to guarantee the refugee-seeker safe passage out of the host country. As a result, a dissident like Fang Lizhi may have to remain in the US embassy in Beijing indefinitely if Chinese and American authorities cannot agree on his fate.

In many cases, embassies that have supported a dissident feel a moral obligation to help him when he gets into trouble.

"Often these people will go into an embassy where they have friends, and it's because of these friends and associations that they're being pursued in the first place," says Peter Tarnoff, the president of the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations and a former State Department official.

Tarnoff said that despite the dislocation the practice sometimes causes for embassies, most diplomats believe the right to grant refuge is a useful diplomatic privilege.

That includes nations of all ideologies, said Charles M. Lichenstein, a former US ambassador to the United Nations and now a fellow of the Heritage Foundation think tank in Washington.

"The most established totalitarianisms, like the Soviet Union, to the best of my knowledge respect these principles," Lichenstein said in an interview.

Dictatorships, he said, tend to claim that their own dissidents or defectors who take advantage of embassy refuge are in fact common criminals, not political activists.

Perhaps the longest-running modern case of embassy asylum was that of Mindszenty, who was arrested by Hungary's communist rulers in 1948 as an enemy of Communism and sentenced to life in prison.

Hungarian revolutionaries freed him during the 1956 uprising, but Mindszenty took refuge in the US mission in Budapest after Warsaw Pact forces crushed the revolt. He lived there until the Vatican arranged for his release to the West in 1971.

The largest number of people to seek refuge at a foreign embassy at once may have been in Cuba in April 1980, when 10,000 Cubans entered the grounds of the Peruvian embassy seeking to emigrate.

Cuban authorities eventually persuaded the crowd to go home, but eventually almost all of them received exit visas.

Many embassy refuge cases have involved the East bloc. In the Soviet Union, seven Pentecostals claiming religious persecution lived for five years in a cramped room at the US embassy in Moscow, leaving in 1983.

In the freer atmosphere now prevailing inside the East bloc, it has even become possible now for citizens of one East bloc country to seek asylum from another.

Last Sept 14, a dozen ethnic Hungarians from Romania, claiming discrimination and persecution by Romanian authorities, sought refuge at the Hungarian embassy during a tourist trip to Bulgaria. They were allowed to go to Hungary in February of this year after the Red Cross intervened.

Latin America has seen many instances of foreign embassies or diplomats helping to evacuate losers in political struggles. When Juan D. Peron was overthrown in Argentina in 1955, he took a boat to Paraguay under Paraguayan government protection.

In 1973, after Salvador Allende was overthrown as president of Chile and died in a battle in the presidential palace, his widow and her children received refuge in the Mexican embassy in Santiago. The Mexican government then flew them out of the country.

In Haiti, Port-au-Prince mayor Franck Roman, accused of ordering opposition leaders killed, sought asylum in the Dominican embassy after a coup last Sept 17. The new government allowed him to leave for the Dominican republic on Dec 31 despite protests by human rights and opposition leaders.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

India Day: labour of Hercules

SIR: This is in reference to some of the letters which have appeared recently in your esteemed newspaper on the recently concluded India Day jointly organized by the Indian Embassy and the Touristic Enterprises Company, Kuwait.

For days I have resisted the thought of writing to you, but the burden of silence has become too much. It appears that your newspaper will publish anything that is mailed to you, however amateurish and silly the contents may be, without checking the facts and quotes prior to publishing.

For instance, one writer claims that there were no Muslims members in the organizing committee. It is a well known fact that Abdul Khaliq of the Indian Embassy was one of the brains behind this project and a member of the organizing committee. Apart from him, there was another sponsor of the programme, namely the Touristic Enterprises Company.

The same writer also claims of the "partisan attitude of the head of the committee Dr Doraiswami".

Dr Doraiswami was not the head of the organizing committee, but rather one of the financial committee members. Also, in what way this individual acted in a partisan way is not mentioned. If the writer has any personal grudge against any or all members of the committee, it is a matter that should

be settled among the parties concerned rather than through the newspaper, which is read by a spectrum of nationalities.

Both the Arab Times and those who were critical of this programme have failed to appreciate the fact that this was the first-ever attempt to project the image of India on all India basis, by bringing together the various regional groups and associations of Kuwait.

In this Herculean task, the organizers have done an excellent job. This is substantiated by the fact that a vast majority of 10,000 and odd visitors included more than 2000 Kuwaiti and Arab families, were full of praise for the event, and the wide coverage the event solicited from the Kuwaiti media, including television. I should also point out that the government of Kuwait, through the TEC has requested the Indian Embassy to conduct this event, every year.

While it is a fact that there were a few shortcomings and plenty of scope for improvement, one must bear in mind that man did not get to the moon on the very first Apollo mission and it took billions of dollars and the dedication of thousands of people to achieve the goal. Hence, let us give full credit to the organizers, the participants and last but not the least, Dr Doraiswami, who has been personally and unreasonably attacked by a few of the correspondents to your newspaper.

Balu Srinivasan, Safat.

Cruel decision

SIR: This is in reference to the many letters published in your newspaper about the tuition fees in the International School of Pakistan.

The justification given by the school management is this: all the decisions have been made by the out-going management that includes the previous principal and the representatives of the parents committee. These decisions include (i) the increase in the tuition fees (ii) changing the commencement of the next (present) academic session from Sept to April, three months earlier.

The new management of the school claims that it has only implemented the decisions which have already been taken.

Being a parent of four children in the school and so evidently overburdened, I wish to ask that when the old management has been dismissed and the parent representation dissolved, was it necessary to implement their decisions?

Why are we being forced to pay fees for the same period twice and are asked to accept this economically cruel decision?

The school ended its session at the end of March '89, while the parents had already paid their dues up to June 1989. Due to this abrupt termination one-third of the courses for most of the classes were left incomplete, a point that the school should take into consideration. Yet they are demanding tuition for this three-month period on the

grounds that tuition fees are collected for the whole session and not on a monthly-basis. I cannot follow this argument. If they are correct in their calculations then please, do we have to give the transport charges for these three months once more as well?

A concerned parent.

Unwarranted increase

SIR: This is in reference to the problem at the International School of Pakistan. Although I'm not in favour of publicising the internal problems of a community school in public, I feel forced to take this unwanted step because the new management of the school is not ready to listen to reason.

I was of the opinion that tuition fees were collected on a monthly basis, but the management claims that it is not the case. They say that the fees are collected for the complete academic session, and for the convenience of poor parents like myself, these can be deposited in three terms which consist of an academic session of 9 months duration that is from September to the next June.

I have just paid the recently-increased fee for my children (KD215 divided by 3 terms for each child) and this was supposedly for the period of 9 months starting from September 1988 to June 1989. A decision was made to the end of the academic session in March

1989 and now they say that parents will have to pay the fee for the April, May, June term again because their children are now in the next class.

Well if that is so and they (the school management) feel justified in collecting fees for the same period twice, I and my fellow parents may accept this logic provided the school management is ready to pay salaries of the down trodden teachers of the school twice for the same period. If the teachers benefit from this double payment, I will be quite happy.

I would also like to mention that before this school announced an unwanted increase in the tuition fee at the beginning of this academic session my salary from my company was substantially reduced. And mine is not the only case in this regard. There are a lot of others suffering this reduction.

I don't understand why the new management of this school was so ruthless in its fee increase decision in the first place, and now it is turning a deaf year to this double-charging. I hope the authorities will intervene for justice to the poor Pakistani community.

Sheikh Habib Akbar, Safat.

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10 years of Afghan fighting have exacted a terrible toll on children

KABUL, June 13, (Reuters): The rocket smashed into Kabul's Mirozayan district just as five-year-old Babrak Sabour was heading for school.

Shrapnel cut his mother and two-year-old brother Habib as they waved good-bye to him.

The mother lost a leg while Habib required surgery to remove the twisted metal which ripped into his stomach. Babrak escaped with severe wounds which cut open his arm and splintered his leg.

Habib lay in the casualty ward of Kabul's Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital, crying for his mother. He pleaded repeatedly with the nurse to sit by him.

"Many of these children are completely traumatised. Habib will recover, but what will be the psychological damage?" says hospital president Abdul Salam Jalali.

In a third-floor ward, 11-year-old Wahid forces a smile and says he feels fine. His grandmother kneels beside his bed brushing away the flies with a fan.

His two legs are just stumps, amputated above the knee.

Wahid lost both legs when a mine exploded as he was taking some food to his father working on a small farm north of the Afghan capital.

In the same ward, 12-year-old Assadullah was flown to Kabul from the besieged east-

tern city of Jalalabad after a rocket exploded as he was on his way to buy bread.

He lost his right leg.

Ten years of fighting have exacted a terrible toll on the children of Afghanistan, many of whom have known nothing but war.

Tens of thousands of children have been killed or disabled in the fighting, which is estimated to have caused a total of a million deaths.

Despite the withdrawal of Soviet forces from the landlocked country last February, fighting between the Western-backed Muslim rebels and the Soviet-supported government goes on.

Food shortages and malnutrition coupled with a breakdown of health services in many parts of the rugged countryside are decimating the core of Afghanistan's next generation, according to the United Nations.

"In addition to the war injuries from mines, rockets and magnesium flares, as many as two million children may have died in the last decade in Afghanistan from normally preventable diseases," says McDermott of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

"Infant and child mortality rates in Afghanistan, very high before, are currently the highest in the world. Nearly two out of every

10 babies die in their first year of life, and fewer than seven out of 10 children live until their fifth birthday," according to a UNICEF report.

At the Indira Gandhi Hospital, funded by the Kabul government with technical assistance from India, professor Jalali says on some days they cram around 400 child patients into a hospital designed for 250.

"Sometimes we put three babies in one bed. We put extra beds into the corridors during periods of seasonal diseases," he says.

As well as war casualties, serious problems are increased malnutrition and the lack of immunisation against diseases like

polio, or care against diarrhoeal and respiratory diseases including tuberculosis. Immunisation programmes outside Kabul have virtually ground to a halt.

Malaria has reached epidemic proportions in some areas.

According to the United Nations, one in 10 Afghan children may be disabled either as a direct result of the war or through disease.

Jalali says most of the war casualties requiring surgery are from mines.

"We get few children with bullet injuries," he said. "Mostly the children are running along in a field and either step on something or pick it up and it blows up."

Fifty Arabs held in sweep: homes sealed

Israel plans expulsions

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 13, (Reuters): Israeli troops demolished four Arab homes and sealed seven and announced today the arrests of more than 50 Palestinian activists in a sweep in the occupied West Bank.

Army chief Lieutenant General Dan Shomron said officials were studying whether Israel could speed up procedures for expelling activists in the 18-month-old Palestinian uprising.

The Army said its crackdown in the West Bank was aimed at suspected stone-throwers and those using firebombs in their fight against Israeli rule.

Troops destroyed one home and sealed four in the West Bank's largest town of Nablus, where a spokesman said they uncovered a commando cell of the PLO mainstream Fatah group.

He said the Army arrested 49 members of the cell suspected of throwing firebombs at soldiers, businesses and Israeli government offices and of attacking Arabs they believed to be co-operating with Israeli authorities.

Troops also detained a group in the West Bank town of Jenin suspected of attacking a policeman last October. The soldiers demolished two homes there, one after Israel's Supreme Court rejected the owner's appeal.

They blew up a house in Beit Umar village and sealed three in other villages overnight because of attacks and anti-Israel disturbances.

Israel has come under fire from Washington, its closest ally, for demolishing and sealing homes of suspects before trial. The Army says it aims to deter other troublemakers.

Shomron told a parliamentary committee that expulsions of Palestinian activists might be carried out while still on appeal and any deportees whose appeal succeeded would then be allowed to return.

Defying international condemnation of the measures, Israel has expelled 47 Palestinians to Lebanon since the beginning of the uprising. None won appeal to the Supreme Court against the orders.

The Defence Ministry's co-ordinator for occupied territories said authorities were also considering reopening West Bank schools closed for most of the academic year. Israel Radio said.

Co-ordinator Shmuel Goren denied that the school closures were a weapon against the uprising but said Israel could not allow schools to be used as a staging ground for violence.

The Army turned back a group of 15 Israeli peace activists and Palestinians who tried to enter Dheishem refugee camp near Bethlehem in the West Bank. The military said the trip was not cleared in advance and the Army could not ensure their safety.

The camp, where 7,000 Palestinians live, has been a flashpoint of violence during the anti-Israeli uprising.

In the occupied Gaza Strip a military court jailed two Palestinian youths, one for two years and the other for two-and-a-half years for inciting violence. It sentenced a third Arab to 20 months for attacking an Army patrol.

Israeli leaders are considering longer periods of detention without trial in the next phase of a clampdown against the uprising, defence sources say.

Zeev Schiff, Israel's leading military commentator, reported yesterday that the authorities had decided to raise the maxi-



Mubarak greets Arafat

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (left) greets Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat at the Presidential Palace in Cairo. Arafat and Mubarak discussed efforts to promote Middle East peace on Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)



Permit picture

An Israeli soldier points for a Palestinian to look into a computerised camera as the Palestinian has a picture taken for his 'worker's permit'. Israel on Monday showed the press how it is issuing Palestinians in the Gaza Strip plastic identification cards allowing them to work inside Israel. The Army expects to issue 150,000 cards at a rate of about 800 per day. The cards cost the Palestinians about \$11 apiece. (Reuters wirephoto)

imum period of detention without trial from six months to a year, with a possibility of extension.

The Defence Ministry would not officially confirm or deny the report, which comes after the Army judge advocate-general, Brigadier General Amnon Strashnow, admitted the military courts trying Palestinians were paralysed by overwork.

Despite Israel's rejection of an Egyptian offer to mediate between it and the PLO, Cairo will play an increasingly central role in Middle East peace efforts, Israeli officials and Palestinians say.

Visiting Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Boutros Ghali said Cairo saw positive and negative points in an Israeli proposal for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza to elect delegates to negotiate limited self-rule.

Two radical Palestinian groups condemned Egypt for sending a minister to visit Israel, saying the trip eased the Jewish state's isolation.

A radical Palestinian leader has ordered his commandos to dedicate themselves to fighting the US and Israel and warned that the war had just begun.

Soviet general advises Najib

NEW DELHI, June 13, (AP): A defecting Afghan Army officer, who claims he had access to top-level security records, said today a Soviet general is President Najibullah's top adviser.

"His name is Gen. Verinikov. He is a three-star general. He comes every day without failure to the headquarters meeting in Arg Palace and whatever he says is never rejected," Mohammad Kakar Neda told a news conference.

An officer at the Soviet Defence Ministry in Moscow said the general had served as Najibullah's military adviser but left Kabul in February when the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had returned home from Afghanistan.

"Since the withdrawal of our forces, he's been here in Moscow and he hasn't been advising anyone," the officer said.

He identified the general as Valentin I. Varenikov, a different spelling than the one given by Neda, and said he had "one big star," denoting a higher rank than the three stars described by Neda. The officer said Varenikov was now the main commander of Soviet land forces.

Neda, who can be located only through intermediaries because he says he is concerned about his safety, could not be contacted immediately for further comment.

Western and Afghan observers in Kabul have said scores of Soviet advisers, both military and civilian, remain in Afghanistan. For instance, a well-balanced source said last March that a Soviet colonel was seen at Kabul airport one month after the Soviet pullout. When the colonel was recognised, he said he had retired from the military and had returned as a civilian adviser, the source said.

Neda said at the news conference he himself was promoted to the rank of brigadier-general shortly before coming to New Delhi on March 23. Neda said he served as secretary to the Afghan supreme military council for the defence of the homeland, a 20-man group headed by Najibullah.

The council assumed top government authority when Najibullah declared a state of emergency Feb 18, three days after the Soviet Union announced it ended its nine years of direct combat support for the Afghan Army in the war against US-backed Muslim rebels.

Muslim rebels claimed today they killed an Afghan Army brigadier-general and captured a colonel when rebels shot down two helicopters flying arms from Kabul to Jalalabad.

Contacts pledged

Soviet MP in Israel

TEL AVIV, June 13, (Reuters): A close political associate of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev arrived in Israel today saying Soviet people wanted more contact with the Jewish state.

Vitaly Korotich, editor-in-chief of the reformist political weekly Ogoniok and a member of the newly-elected Congress of People's Deputies, is due to meet Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and other political leaders during a 10-day lecture tour.

"The fact that I am the first deputy of this Parliament to come here is very important."



Crowds at the grave

Iranian mullahs and crowds gather at the grave site where Ayatollah Khomeini was buried in Tehran on June 10. A giant poster of Khomeini hangs over crowds and reads: 'I am to God, and to him I return.' (Reuters wirephoto)

Khamenei raps US

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Hussein Khalil. The statement said they met Khamenei after a series of conferences with other Iranian leaders such as Khomeini's son Ahmad and Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, considered the leading hardliner and staunchest backer of Hezbollah.

Hezbollah is the umbrella group for the extremists believed holding 18 Western hostages in Lebanon, including nine Americans.

Thousands of students marched through the streets of Tehran today to show their support for Khamenei.

The students, marching from Tehran University, assembled in front of the presidential palace in the centre of the capital and pledged their allegiance to Khamenei as the new leader of the Islamic Republic.

Tehran Radio said students in other cities held similar marches to pledge allegiance to him. The marches were organised as a pragmatic group of clerics led by Khamenei and Rafsanjani consolidated their positions.

Rafsanjani, whom diplomats said has emerged as the most powerful cleric in Iran after Khomeini's death, was yesterday overwhelmingly re-elected speaker of the Majlis, or parliament, indicating he had the support of both the moderate and hardline groups.

On Friday, military commanders called on Khamenei and pledged allegiance to him, and yesterday Khamenei reconfirmed Rafsanjani in the post of

First obstacle is gone

PARIS, June 13, (KUNA): Democracy in Iran cannot be restored in the very near future, but with Ayatollah Khomeini dead, a first obstacle is out of the Iranian path towards that democracy, said Reza Pahlavi, son of the late Shah of Iran.

In an interview in today's edition of the influential Le Monde newspaper, the self-proclaimed heir to the Iranian throne, who lives in exile in the US and in Europe, said that the Islamic regime in Iran was "illegitimate."

But he, nevertheless, added that he has a "certain respect" for Khomeini, whom he described as an "enemy out of the common, who will remain as one of the most fascinating characters of Iranian history."

deputy commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

A Western diplomat in Tehran said Rafsanjani's re-election as parliament speaker was "a personal victory for Rafsanjani, because it reinforces his position as Iran's most powerful politician."

"The vote demonstrates the fluidity of Iran's political factions. But equally it shows that everyone has accepted the new Khamenei-Rafsanjani status quo," the diplomat added.

He was referring to Rafsanjani's candidacy in the presidential election due Aug 18, the same day the country is scheduled to hold a referendum to ratify amendments to the constitution.

If voters approve the amendments, the posts of prime minister and president will be merged, and Rafsanjani will hold wide powers once he wins the presidency. Khamenei, a Rafsanjani ally, would then rule in conjunction with the new

president.

Khomeini's daughter, Zahra Mostafavi told the Washington Post her brother Ahmad, 44, aspired to the presidency since 1981 but that his hopes were dashed by Khomeini. "As long as I am alive, I do not wish him to have a position," Mostafavi quoted her father as saying.

Iran's main opposition group said yesterday Ahmad was considering running against Rafsanjani in presidential elections.

The Baghdad-based Mujahadeen-e-Khalq said in a statement that backers of Ahmad had demonstrated in his support during mourning ceremonies for his father.

The Mujahadeen said he was now testing support for his possible candidacy through the interview given to the Post on Sunday by Mostafavi.

France and West Germany said yesterday they will shortly send their ambassadors back to Iran.

Syria frees Fatah men

TRIPOLI, Lebanon, June 13, (Reuters): Syria has freed 185 Palestinian and Lebanese Muslim prisoners held in Damascus jails for anti-Syrian activities, Palestinian sources said today.

Those released included 140 Palestinians of the mainstream Fatah movement led by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, they added.

The releases were part of improving relations with Arafat after a six-year-old rift, they added.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Congress notified

WASHINGTON, June 13, (AP): The Pentagon notified Congress yesterday the Bush administration has approved the sale of more powerful jet engines to replace the originals on F-15 jet fighters flown by Saudi Arabia.

Assuming there are no congressional objections, the Pentagon said the Saudis would be offered the upgraded engines along with support equipment and spare parts at an estimated cost of \$350 million.

The Saudis have purchased 74 of the twin-engine F-15 Eagles from the United States.

Opposition leader

NICOSIA, June 13, (AP): The leader of the main opposition party in North Cyprus came under fire from the official and independent circles today for charging Turkey with a forced assimilation policy in the Turkish Cypriot sector of the war-divided island.

Orkay Ozgur, the leader of the leftist Republican Turkish Party, said in a speech at the parliament last week that Turkey implemented an assimilation policy worse than Bulgaria's against the ethnic Turks living there.

Refugees poisoned

MARDIN, June 13, (AP): A government official said yesterday that hundreds of Kurdish refugees in this southeastern province fell ill after eating overcooked bread last week.

A Kurdish opposition group charged the poisoning was deliberate and 3,000 people were affected.

Mardin Governor Aykut Ozan told the Associated Press that about 750 Kurdish refugees were hospitalized on Thursday evening after they complained of health problems such as stomach aches.

Turks detained

LARNACA, Cyprus, June 13, (Reuters): A Cyprus court yesterday ordered three Turkish nationals detained for police to probe allegations that they illegally entered the country.

Court sources said Mustafa Kurahli, 27, Yonuz Yilmaz, 19, and Mis Soyul, 24 were remained in custody for four days. Security sources said they would probably be deported.

The Turks told the court they entered from Turkish-held north Cyprus to look for work. The government regards ports and airports in the north, which Turkey occupied in 1974, as illegal points of entry.

Visas abolished

CAIRO, June 13, (Reuters): Egypt and Algeria, in a move to improve ties, today abolished the need for entry visas for visits by each other's nationals.

Foreign Ministry official Abdel-Kader Sallam told reporters the decision was made in a meeting with visiting Algerian envoy Ibrahim Taybi.

"We have taken this step to help improve bilateral ties," Sallam said. Algeria reopened diplomatic ties with Cairo last year after severing them in 1979 in protest at Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

Employees sacked

DAMASCUS, June 13, (KUNA): Twenty-six government employees have been sacked on charges of "misconduct and dishonesty" as the Damascus government continued to deal heavily-handedly with corruption that has plagued the country's economy, an official report said.

The decision was in part of a series of moves taken by the authorities to "purge" the administrative system and fight corruption, the report said giving no further details.

Rebels accept talks offer

LONDON, June 13, (Reuters): Rebels fighting in northern Ethiopia said today that they had accepted an offer of peace talks from the government.

The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), which earlier this year seized control of virtually all the northern province of Tigray, told a news conference in London it was ready to start public talks within a month.

Behane Gebre, of the TPLF central committee, said it broadcast a message on its radio station on Sunday accepting President Mengistu Haile Mariam's initiative to end the war.

Mengistu made his offer of unconditional talks to be held in the presence of international observers, barely three weeks after loyal troops crushed an attempted coup by top military officers.

Western diplomats hailed the offer as the biggest concession he had ever made to the insurgents.

Assyrian treasure unearthed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, June 13, (Reuters): Archaeologists digging in northern Iraq have unearthed golden ornaments and precious stones dating to the ninth century B.C., the official Iraqi News Agency said yesterday.

It said the find included 26 gold necklaces, personal belongings and household articles buried with the bodies of members of the Assyrian royal family.

Mutilated ancient statues could hold clue to Luxor mystery

LUXOR, Egypt, June 13, (Reuters): A mysterious cache of Pharaonic statues unearthed in the ruins of Luxor Temple has given Egyptian archaeologists cause for both triumph and disappointment.

Although they were rewarded with five exquisite intact statues — believed to be one of the most important finds this century — the 17 figures they later uncovered were defaced, mutilated or broken.

But, they say, even the broken figures of gods and goddesses could provide clues to

a riddle — why the statues were buried in a pit at the court of King Amenhotep III, builder of Luxor Temple on the Nile's east bank.

The statues, mostly dating back to the 18th dynasty (1567-1320 B.C.), were discovered accidentally while workers were taking soil samples in connection with restoration work.

In February, five intact life-sized stone carvings in black and pink granite and quartz were unearthed. Experts said they

were on the way to uncovering one of the greatest archaeological finds this century. King Amenhotep, in pink quartz and standing 2.5 metres (eight feet) tall, was depicted on sledges. Experts said such a figure was seen in tomb drawings but never found before in statue form.

The workmanship on the black granite sky goddess Hathor, with cow horns and a solar disc on her head, was superb.

"We were expecting to find more statues like the first ones we unearthed but we were

a bit disappointed," Mohammed El Soghair, director of Luxor's antiquities, told Reuters.

The base of a giant cobra in white granite, depicting the god of silence, was missing. Two calcite falcon had lost their heads.

Kneeling kings in marble and limestone had no limbs, others no upper torsos. Some of the queens and goddesses had become eerie faceless bodies.

VIDEO CORNER

Star draw rakes in millions

By Brian Hollis

TOM Hanks has been a rising star on the comedy scene for several years, but really hit the jackpot with his last film *Big*, which easily topped \$100 million at the US box office alone. His follow up film, unfortunately, does not quite do him justice. In *The Burbs*, Hanks plays a tightly wound businessman who decides to spend a relaxing holiday at home. In a comic replay of Hitchcock's *Rear Window*, he gets into trouble when he and two of his neighbours observe strange happenings next door, and suspect that their neighbours have murdered an elderly man.

Increasing paranoia, supported by seemingly irrefutable evidence, link their Eastern European neighbours to crime, and our heroes decide that the ramshackle house conceals a heinous secret. Armed with high powered assault rifles etc, they move in to see what's going on.

As usual in American comedies, all men are overgrown children who need to be kept out of mischief, and the wives act like mothers with spoilt brats. The presence of Hanks and Bruce Dern make the film tolerable, and the fact that it took \$11 million in its first four days says something for the pulling power of the stars.

Alas the other major comedy release this week is another one

unlikely to reside in the annals of great film making, but provides a pleasant if somewhat simpleminded diversion. Chevy Chase is back in a sequel called *Fletch Lives*, based once again on a novel in the series by mystery writer Gregory Macdonald. This time investigative reporter Irwin Fletcher has inherited an old Southern plantation from his auntie, enabling him to hang up his various disguises and say goodbye to his moneygrabbing ex-wife's lawyer. Of course, only Fletch has illusions about the state of the plantation and he is progressively involved in religious revivalism, toxic waste, murder and motor cycles, none of which make any real sense. However, if tongue in cheek silliness diverts you, *Fletch lives* is at least as good as Chase's other recent comedies.

Chronicle of a Death Foretold is a serious attempt by Italian director Francesco Rosi, to recreate the atmosphere of Gabriel Garcia Marquez novel. The story reconstructs what was apparently a real event when a young man was killed in front of the whole village in Colombia by two brothers who believed he had wronged their sister. The girl had been returned to her mother on her wedding night by her rich young bridegroom because she was not a virgin.

From the opening sequence

Tom Hanks in *The Burbs*.

we are set firmly in the realistic world of a Colombian rural society of honour. Anthony Delon, who has inherited his father's good looks plays a convincing victim, whilst Rupert Everett is somewhat less at ease as the hotblooded Latin husband who was so ashamed of his wife's apparent sin. Ornella Muti, Irene Pappas and Gian Maria Volonte also star in this international production which is definitely worth a look.

As the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution approaches next month, viewers may

want to catch up on their history/literature with a new version of Charles Dickens Tale of

Two Cities. This new 5 hour version retells the story of the British lawyer who turns to drink, but due to his uncanny resemblance to the French aristocrat Darnay is able to perform the ultimate self sacrifice on the guillotine.

Another enjoyable British bestseller is *And a Nightingale Sang*, which also has a historical setting. During the First World War, two sisters from the NorthEast live completely different lives. The younger pretty one, married to a rough soldier, enjoys herself during his absence with the factory bosses and American airmen. Her older plain sister, lives only for the fleeting moments she can spend with a married soldier from London who sneaks up to visit her from time to time.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas/Farwaniya, Video Nauf, Salsiya, Tel: 2432809; and Video Club, Salsiya, Tel: 5724372.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair news and variety
- 9.30 Iftah Ya Simsim: Children's programme
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Hikayat Sakhatat: Arabic serial (part 11)
- 11.00 News Summary
- 11.15 Al Zaab Wa Ayoun Al Madina: Arabic serial (Part 11)
- 12.30 Al Hiseen: variety programme
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World News via Satellite
- 1.30 Falouna: Cartoon serial
- 2.00 Varieties
- 2.15 Abu Awaadh: Arabic serial (part 11)
- 3.00 Masooat Al Sona Al Nabatiya: religious programme
- 3.30 Cartoon Serial
- 4.00 Football match: Kuwait vs Turkey
- 6.00 Lila Min Al Lila: children's programme
- 7.00 Ma's Al Talaba: Local

- programme
- 8.00 Variety
- 8.30 Al Iskan Wa El Muwatan: local programme
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.00 Illi Ma'a Qursh: daily Arabic serial (part 6)
- 10.45 Mahakim Billa Sojoon: Bedouin serial (part 2)
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.05 The World News via Satellite

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 The Raccoons: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Mac and Mutley: volunteers visit patients in hospitals, accompanied by animals, and training dogs to rescue people in danger.
- 7.00 Danger Bay: "Melissa's Gift." Melissa rescues a coyote and becomes attached to it; George has to find a way of returning the coyote to the wild.

- 7.30 Body Matters: "Mind Over Matter". A rather interesting show on medicine, it examines the effect of our minds over matter and how we feel such emotions as fear and joy.

- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 You and the Law: presented by Ali Noor
- 8.50 Sonny Spoon: "Never Go to Your High School Reunion."
- 9.40 Bill Cosby Show: More comedy with the Huxtables as they cope with the birth of a new born in the family. Comedy.

- 10.00 Just for the Record: An Australian show on record holders
- 10.30 Late Night Movie: "Right of Way." Starring: Bette Davis, Jimmy Stewart, Melinda Dillon, Priscilla Morrill. The chance to see Davis and Stewart acting together for the first time in their career is the only reason.

CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus
- Booby Trap
- Al Sabhiya
- Beetle Juice
- Al Hamra
- Arees Ft Al Ya Naseeb (Arabic)
- Drive-In
- Alaish Daki Al Jaish (Arabic)
- Al Firdous
- Mardangi (Hindi)
- Fahadeel Open-Air
- Kahani Kismet Ki

- Al Fahadeel
- Arabic Film
- Al Jahra
- Just A Damned Soldier
- Granada
- Arabic Film
- Salaahkhat
- Aaryan
- Al Jleeb
- Revolution
- Ahmedi Drive-In
- Arabic Film

NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait
- Al Ojail Pharmacy
- Mubarakia, Palestine St.
- Ibn Sina Pharmacy
- Mubarak Al Kaber St.
- Salmiya and Rumaithiya
- Al Nahda Pharmacy
- Baghdad St., Property of Al Sane
- Hawalli and Nagra
- Al Naser Pharmacy
- Hawalli, Tunis St.
- Fahadeel and Ahmedi
- Abu Hulaifa Pharmacy
- Coastal Road.

- Jleeb Al Shuyoukh
- Falaka Pharmacy
- Main St., Opposite to the Police station.
- Jahra
- Al Abraj Pharmacy
- Dabal Al Ghazal St.

PRAYERS

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| Fajr | 3.13 am |
| Zuhr | 11.48 |
| Asr | 3.22 pm |
| Maghreb | 6.49 |
| Isha | 8.21 |

A scene from the *Chronicle of a Death Foretold*.Chevy Chase returns as newspaper reporter Fletch and master of multiple disguises in *Fletch Lives*.

KGB usual tricks division takes on complete dummy

By Gail Seery

"THE man I send to Ibiza must have a romantic view of the world of espionage. Moreover he must be a man who, when placed under the influence of the drug, will have absolutely no information to impart. In other words, a complete dummy," says the "old man," head of the dirty tricks division of the British intelligence service in "The trouble with Spies."

So Appleton-Porter, played by Donald Sutherland exchanges his identity for that of Arnold Barker, a supervisor on a government experimental farm, taking a holiday in Ibiza.

The island is "not only a mecca for tourists," but also, a route for hallucogenic narcotics into British Army bases — the culprits? The Russians of course, in one of their periodic drives to undermine morale and efficiency. Just to complicate matters further, the Russians have perfected a new truth drug, which the British are so desperate to get their hands on that they are prepared to sacrifice one of their own agents — Appleton-Porter and Howard Barker.

Just to make things a little easier for



Sutherland

the Russians, the British kindly notify them that Barker is on his way, and his first few hours on the island see him as the

victim of a series of murder attempts. He settles down at the Royal Rose under the watchful eyes of proprietress Mona Smith, ostensibly to discover what happened to his predecessor, George Trent, who disappeared two weeks before. His fellow-guest Jason Locke, played by the thoroughly brilliant Michael Hordern, is an avid observer of human behaviour and has an idea that fellow-guest Harry Lewis is a member of the CIA.

"Well, he has all the qualifications — he doesn't understand a single word of the language, has absolutely no idea about the political situation, and even if he had he wouldn't know what side to be on."

Meanwhile, the Russian approach to the problem of how to dispose of the British spy is being co-ordinated by the KGB's usual tricks division. The Russians are stereotyped unmercifully in this film — a factor that, for me at least, detracted from the humour a good deal. On the other hand, neither the British secret service who are depicted as a lot of avuncular and amoral bureaucrats, nor the CIA escape similar mockery.

Sadly the film is subject to a series of cuts which make the flow of action jerky

and the changes of location bewildering. A little too much weight is given to the not-particularly funny comic element, and too little to making the action completely gripping. Not enough effort is put into making the story thoroughly plausible, and I for one am still not convinced that the British intelligence service would employ an Englishman who was so obviously an American, or that he would keep a kilt in his bedroom for special use when attacked by scorpions.

By the time I finished watching this film I felt as if I'd been promised the earth, and let down. Donald Sutherland clearly enjoys this type of role, which brings to mind "S.P.Y.S." which he starred in with Elliot Gould. That film was much slicker, much more entertaining, and saw Sutherland in an almost identical role, the idealist career intelligence officer who becomes dispensable. Gould makes an excellent foil, as the street-wise, alter ego who pieces the plot against them together, and there is some excellent funny business with a group of anarchists, who are prepared to rock French society to its very knees — so long as Daddy's new car doesn't get damaged.

Kuwaiti businessmen visit Portugal



Businessmen talk with Portuguese minister of foreign affairs (left).

AS a result of pre-arrangements made between the Commercial Bank of Kuwait and Banco Comercial Portugues, a symposium titled "Investment Opportunities in Portugal" was held in Lisbon on May 24.

The main objective of the symposium was to pave way for Kuwaiti businessmen to meet with their Portuguese counterparts.

The symposium was also intended to provide the participants with an opportunity

to make personal contacts among themselves in order to enhance the economic relationship between the two countries. Another objective was to assess the available investment opportunities which could be undertaken for the mutual benefit of both countries.

A Kuwaiti delegation headed by Hamad A.A. Al Hamad, chairman of the Commercial Bank of Kuwait attended the symposium. The delegation included prominent Kuwaiti businessmen from the private sector as well as representatives from the public sector.

The Portuguese minister for commerce and tourism welcomed the participants and said that Portugal enjoys continuous growth and strong foreign investment, which with the opening of the privatisation process and the easing of restrictions and standardisation of procedures within the EEC market by 1992 will develop even further.

He added that Portugal now offers attractive investment opportunities that might not be available in any other member country of the EEC market in terms of proper investment climate and promising business environment.

On May 29, members of the Kuwaiti delegation headed by Al Hamad and Jorge Manuel Goncalves, chairman of Banco Comercial Portugues met with the Portuguese prime minister who expressed his deep thanks and appreciation for arranging this meeting for businessmen and hoped it would be the beginning of a series of such get-togethers to re-establish and enhance relationship between the Arab and Portuguese people.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and

textiles. Closed on Friday.

THEATRE

Konkani Drama
JUNE 15/16 (4.00 pm): Nashibacho Divo Paloulo, the MAR production's Konkani drama, directed by Prem Kumar to be staged at the Indian Arts Circle. For entry passes contact Raja Stores, tel: 2412970.

SOCIAL

KAPILKU meeting
JUNE 14: (Wednesday): There will be an officer's meeting at 8 pm at Far East Restaurant, details to be discussed as follows: Palarong Filipino (annual, sponsors, plaque of appreciation and awarding ceremonies) and other forthcoming projects (Little Mr & Ms Philippines — Kuwait and KAPILKU Night).

Narhanna
JUNE 15, (Thursday): Narhanna celebrates Nehru Centenary year at Sharq Co-operative Society hall at 6.30 pm. A variety of Indian classical, folk dances and Nrithas will be performed. To obtain your free entry passes, please contact 4337608.

Bangladeshi get-together
BANGLADESHI Engineers and architects in Kuwait will hold a get-together at the Hotel Plaza Ballroom on June 15

from 7.30 pm onwards. For details contact 4317145, 4718157 or 3713923.

Get-together
JUNE 16: The Go-Go Club will be having a get-together at the Ramada Al Salem Hotel from 11 am onwards with Sleeping Stones and Symphony in attendance. For details contact Tony 2631826 after 3.30 pm.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn
AT The Coffee Shop: A variety of continental in oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner.

Al Andalus: Thursday — Arabian night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for this night. Our local entertainers provide music.

Family brunch — a whole some day for the family. Entertainment includes Walt Disney cartoon characters plus performance from the great magician. Let your kids enjoy every minute of the day. Delicious mouth watering food in a variety of deserts.

At the Swimming Pool: It's a great night out by the pool, starting at 8.00 p.m.

Barbecue — Music — Games prizes and surprises awaits each one. Bring your family in friends in savour our delicious Sharaza Barbecue.

At the Meridien
HOTEL Meridien Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian Corner every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. A wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc, are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

Mexican Night every Sunday: Discover the delight of Mexican cuisine awaiting you in our "Little Mexico".

Greek Tavern every Tuesday: Experience authentic Greek ambience and food with live Bouzouki music and wide variety of mezzah.

Enjoy an evening of foot tapping fun every Thursday. Remy and Tony's jam session in La Brasserie.

Family day every Friday: Enjoy a day with your family. La Brasserie offers a wide array of Oriental favourites along with live music, entertainment, and a magician to thrill the little ones and many other games for the children.

At the Sheraton
HUNT ROOM: Halibut

promotion starts at the Hunt Room from June 12 to June 17 89 where some of the best of preparations make their way to the table of the diners. Live entertainment by Ewa Kaminska.

Coffee Shop: Ice coupe promotion starts at the Coffee Shop as of June 18 to June 24 cool off with some delicious combinations and have a day to remember.

Al Hamra: Daily lunch buffet, entertainment nightly by the Lords. Oriental buffet for dinner. Al Hamra is closed on Friday.

La Tarbouche: Daily lunch and dinner a La Carte. The Arab world specialties continues every Thursday featuring specialties from the Arab world cuisine.

Ricardo: Enjoy the best of Italian cuisine with home made pasta at the Ricardo everyday for lunch and dinner. The Eccevisse promotion starts from June 24 to 29, entertainment by the Sienna Duo. Ricardo is closed on Friday.

At the Kuwait International CHILDREN'S party: Every Friday from June 23 up to July 7. Kermit, Donald Duck, Fozzie Bear, many other playmates, a huge Kiddie Castle, games, puppet shows and video fun promise to make it an entertaining day for the children. KDS for adults and KD 3 for children. Tickets on sale at reception: 2530000/8039.



The management of the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel recently organised a day-out for their long stay guests entertainment and to also introduce them to the Falaka resort.

The famous barbecue was served on this occasion and a lovely time was had by all. The guests expressed their appreciation of Kuwait Sheraton Hotel's best service.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Now OPEC gets the green bug

VIENNA, June 13, (Reuters): OPEC is beginning to think green, which could have wildly unpredictable consequences for oil prices.

Organisation president Rikman Lukman of Nigeria alerted the 13 OPEC oil ministers at a meeting in early June to what he called "an almost messianic yearning for a totally safe and clean source of energy."

Meanwhile the Vienna-based secretariat of OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) has requested urgent studies on how public alarm about pollution from oil and other fossil fuels may affect OPEC's planning for the 1990s.

New strategy talks are scheduled for the autumn. Demand for OPEC's oil is only now reviving after being sharply depressed by the sky-high prices of the 1973 and 1979 "oil shocks."

It manages at present to sell only around 21 million barrels per day, after 30 million a decade ago.

The Dutch already plan an ecology levy on petrol. Lobbyists like the US-based Worldwatch Institute want a fossil fuel tax to encourage conservation and energy efficiency.

Humphrey Harrison, an analyst with London brokerage Kitcat and Aitken, calls this "the greatest challenge of all" to OPEC.

Khorafi elected chairman of OPEC Fund

VIENNA, June 13, (OPECNA): The ministerial council of the OPEC Fund for International Development today elected Kuwaiti Minister of Finance Jassem Mohamed Al Khorafi as its chairman.

Ecuador's Minister of Finance and Credit Jorge Gallardo Zavala was elected vice chairman.

In his acceptance speech, the Kuwaiti minister paid tribute to the continued commitment of OPEC donor countries to the cause of Third World development.

He pledged to follow in the steps of his predecessor and

reiterated his resolve to accomplish the work and objectives of the OPEC Fund in line with its charter.

Al Khorafi also expressed his desire to see co-operation between OPEC member countries grow further so that the OPEC Fund could achieve the great goals for which it was established.

Speaking at the opening session, the outgoing chairman, Dr Eduardo Quintero Nunez, Venezuelan minister of state and president of the Venezuelan Investment Fund, said that at the bilateral level, some OPEC countries had maintained an impres-

sive level of aid allocation, while other OPEC countries, despite growing hardships, had sought to perform at levels commensurate with their abilities.

He recalled that at various multilateral institutions, the voices of OPEC nations were also heard as they joined others in pledging funding and technical assistance to help their fellow human beings.

Quintero Nunez stated that OPEC countries wished to promote international understanding and solidarity among developing countries, adding that this was the driving force which had motivated the found-

ing fathers of the OPEC Fund.

The minister referred to an initiative taken by President Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela to arrange a meeting next year of the sovereigns and heads of states of OPEC member countries, akin to the 1975 summit in Algeria, which resulted in strengthening OPEC and the very creation of the OPEC Fund.

Venezuela, which chaired the ministerial council for the past four years, was praised by all delegates for its efforts in helping the institution fulfil its "noble objectives."

Speaking at the meeting, Osama Faquih, Saudi Arabian

deputy minister for international economic co-operation at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, said that throughout 1988 an overall improvement in the economic situation and growth in the industrialised states did not bring any noticeable benefits to the large majority of developing countries.

Faquih, who has been chairman of the fund's governing board for the last seven years, described as "worrying" the deteriorating economic and financial situation in these countries, particularly the most heavily indebted ones and those

in sub-Saharan Africa.

In many countries, he said, the growth rate fell and the debt burden increased, while per capita incomes and investments as a share of gross domestic product were lower today than at the beginning of the 1980s.

In the area of trade, he said the situation was still causing concern, with protectionist measures on the part of the developed countries "intensifying."

He pointed out that the trend, observed in recent years, toward negative net transfer of financial resources from North to South was continuing.

Dollar stands firm despite central bank intervention

LONDON, June 13, (Reuters): The dollar stood its ground in Europe today in the face of repeated open market intervention by the central banks of the United States and Canada, currency dealers said.

But they said the pound sterling looked likely to weaken further despite British government efforts to inject some confidence into the currency.

"The dollar has still got a firm undertone, but the picture for sterling is not so good," said one trader in Frankfurt. "I do not think sterling's recovery will last."

The dollar showed little response to a modest rise in US retail sales in May which dealers said should keep up pressure for interest rates to remain high.

Market confidence is high although dealers were cautious before the slew of US economic reports due out this week.

On Thursday, US trade, industrial production and capacity utilisation reports are scheduled for release.

The dollar closed in London at 2.0264 West German marks and 149.20 Japanese yen after 2.0260 and 148.88 yesterday.

Gold came under pressure from the dollar's strength and bullion prices dipped in London to close at \$359.25 an ounce after ending yesterday at \$361.25.

Private firms in Egypt will not be subject to price controls

Steps to boost investment

CAIRO, June 13, (Reuters): Egypt is taking tentative steps to boost foreign and domestic investment in the private sector through a draft law which improves tax breaks and simplifies bureaucratic controls for new projects.

But analysts say the long-awaited law, currently going through Parliament, does not go far enough and complain Egypt is still reluctant to loosen state control over its heavily-regulated economy.

The law improves tax breaks already available to new

projects, giving tax exemptions for up to 10 years.

It also gives sole responsibility for approving projects to the Investment Authority, a semi-independent government body.

"That is a very good point because in future people will not have to go round knocking on the doors of every government department to get approval," one local businessman said.

The law gives greater access to foreign investment by softening an insistence that Egyptians should participate in all new projects.

But some complain that the new law often gives with one hand and takes away with the other. A few fear it could prove near-useless, clogging up the statute book and delaying a complete overhaul.

The law says private companies will not be subject to price controls, a major blessing.

But the government has included a clause allowing it to impose price controls and restrict profit margins at a later date for certain products under certain circumstances.

According to the Egyptian

Businessman's Association (EBA), the draft law is full of such loopholes and exceptions.

Behind the new law are government efforts to cut public spending and reduce a heavy foreign debt burden.

"The government has made it very clear there could be no extra spending on the public sector. All the growth must come from the private sector," Handoussa said.

The investment law, a hotchpotch of compromises, shows how deep their caution runs, they say.

Libya ready to extend deadline Oil company talks

TRIPOLI, June 13, (Reuters): Libya is ready to extend the deadline for negotiations on the assets of US oil companies frozen since 1986, the head of the state-owned National Oil Corporation (NOC) said today.

The deadline runs out at the end of June and without an agreement or an extension the assets, including equity in Libyan oil production worth billions of dollars, would revert to Libya.

NOC chairman Abdallah Al Badri told Reuters that negotiations with the companies would resume soon but he declined to give a time or place. Earlier talks have taken place in Malta, Vienna or Switzerland, diplomats say.

"If we agree in time then fine; if not, then maybe we will extend it a little — one month, six months, two weeks," he added.

Oil industry sources in Tripoli said the Libyan side had already agreed to give the talks until the end of the year in the hope of winning political concessions.

When the Reagan administration banned commercial dealings with Libya in 1986, Libya agreed to look after the US oil companies' operations for an interim period of three years.

Washington lifted the ban on the companies operating in Libya last January but a ban on US citizens working in Libya remains in force.

Gorbachev urges Bonn to help modernise economy

Nine-point programme outlined

COLOGNE, West Germany, June 13, (Reuters): Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev today called on West German industry to make a long term commitment to modernising the Soviet Union's economy.

Gorbachev told a gathering of West Germany's leading industrialists: "If the federal republic wishes to secure access to Soviet markets, it should begin by offering strategic projects rather than trifling ventures."

He then outlined a nine-point programme indicating areas where West Germany, the Soviet Union's largest Western trading partner, could further strengthen its commercial involvement.

Gorbachev's proposals included West German firms using Soviet research facilities, launching satellites from Soviet rockets, co-operation in ship and aircraft building and increased involvement in Soviet modern-

isation projects. If West Germany agreed to the proposals this would help the Soviet Union buy more of that country's products.

"Money earned in this way would help us finance additional imports of West German machinery and equipment," Gorbachev told the meeting organised by the Ostausschuss, an umbrella group for West German industry covering East European trade.

Gorbachev spoke in Cologne after the Soviet and West German foreign ministers signed 11 agreements including ones on protecting investment in the Soviet Union and training Soviet managers in West Germany.

West German-Soviet trade peaked in 1984 at 25 billion marks (\$12.5 billion). Since then it has slumped to 16 billion marks (\$8 billion) in 1988.

"The slump in oil prices has

painfully affected the state of Soviet-West German trade," Gorbachev said.

West Germany mainly sells high quality engineering products to the Soviet Union in return for energy and commodities, which have dropped in price on world markets.

Gorbachev said he expected West German-Soviet trade to grow again this year because of credits granted by West German banks.

Last October West German banks signed a three billion mark (\$1.5 billion) credit with the Soviet Union to modernise its consumer and textile industries. Bankers say nearly two thirds of the loan has been earmarked for projects already.

Gorbachev said he hoped the agreements signed today with the West German government would encourage increased investment in the Soviet Union.

Premier seeks to steady sterling

Thatcher backs Lawson

LONDON, June 13, (Reuters): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today sought to steady the pound sterling and quash all talk of a rift between herself and Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson.

With Lawson sitting beside her in Parliament, she said: "I give full, unequivocal and generous backing to my chancellor, of whom I am very proud."

Thatcher was responding to opposition questions on government economic policies as the pound dropped to a 15-month low against the West German mark.

Differences between Thatcher and Lawson, who has almost doubled commercial bank base interest rates to 14 per cent over the past year in a bid to curb inflation and prevent the economy from overheating, have been a major cause of market nervousness.

Seeking to restore confidence in sterling, the prime minister said: "I have indicated firmly that the chancellor's policies are the policies of the government."

Thatcher and Lawson have persistently denied there is a rift between them.

But economists said their known differences over the cause of the rise in inflation, from as low as 3.5 per cent early in 1988, and other issues were sending confusing signals about who was in charge of the economy and were hurting the pound.

Today, the Bank of England resisted raising interest rates despite widespread sentiment in financial markets that it must act soon to brake the pound's slide. Currency dealers said the British central bank intervened twice today to buy pounds for dollars to try to prop up sterling.

A stream of economic statistics, culminating with the likely announcement on Friday of a jump in the annual inflation rate from eight per cent in April to around 8.3 per cent in May, seemed certain to keep financial markets jittery.

Several economists said Lawson was ducking an unpopular rise in interest rates, which would trigger higher mortgage payments, before Thursday's voting for seats in the European Parliament.

Thatcher's Conservatives are braced for a mauling in the poll at the hands of the opposition Labour Party.

But most market analysts were agreed that an interest rate rise must come soon and that it may have to go up to 16 per cent before currency dealers start buying sterling again.

"The statistics are going to underline the fact that the situation is very, very uncertain indeed," said economist Peter Felner.

"A hike is inevitable," added Ken de la Salle of National Westminster Bank. "The chancellor will have no choice but to push rates up and 15 per cent will not be enough, it will have to go up to 16."

Financial 'gap to be filled'

Jordan to liquidate banned exchange houses

AMMAN, June 13, (Reuters): Finance Minister Basel Jaradneh said today Jordan planned to cover an expected financial gap of about \$900 million in foreign exchange needs this year with Arab aid, new loans and debt rescheduling.

Reuters erroneously quoted Jaradneh yesterday as saying the kingdom faced a budget deficit of \$900 million.

"There will be a foreign exchange financial gap in 1989 amounting to about \$900 million and plans have been made to cover it," Jaradneh told Reuters today.

"Of this amount, about \$650 million will come from debt res-

cheduling and the rest will come from Arab aid and new concessional loans. It is expected that the amounts we will receive will exceed the gap."

Jordan agreed on a five-year reform programme with the International Monetary Fund in April and is due to start talks with the Paris Club of official creditors next month to reschedule part of its foreign debt.

Meanwhile, the Jordanian government will put into liquidation about 75 exchange houses forcibly shut down in February for alleged speculation, money-changers said today.

They said the newly-appointed Central Bank Governor

Mohammed Said Al Nabulsi had told them a committee of representatives from the trade, justice and finance ministries and the central bank would supervise the liquidation process.

The owners of exchange houses would be given back their assets and offices, and would be allowed to start new businesses unrelated to moneychanging provided they were financially sound.

The moneychangers told Reuters the government would then consider whether exchange houses might have a future role in the economy, but did not expect a decision for several months.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1989

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ADBY LFE	181/0
ALST LTD	433/0
AMSTRAD	85.0
ARGYLL GP	210/0
ASDA GP	171/0
BAA	342/0
BTR	367/0
BAT INDS	616/0
BARCLAYS	447/0
BASS	957/0
BEAZER	189/0
BEECHAMS	610/0
BERISFORD	149.0
BICC PLC	505/0
BLUE ARMY	95/4
BLUE CIRC	541.0
BOC GP	473/0
BOOTS CO	281/0
BPB INDS	235.0
BR COMM	71.82
BR ARMY	01.29
BR AEROSP	661/0
BR GAS RG	83.31
BR LAND	344/0
BR P	294/0
BR STEEL	85.0
BR TELCOM	280/0
BUNZL	145.0
BURMAN OL	585.0
BURTON	208.0
CABLEWIR	475/0
CADBURYS	357/0
CALOR GRP	387/0
CLRTN COM	832.0
COATS VYI	61.00
COOKSONS	326/0
COURTAUD	329/0
DALGETY	355.0
DIXONS	144.0
ENG CHINA	467/0
ENTER OIL	532/0
FKI BARCK	167.0
FERRANTI	91/0
FISONS	285/0
GATEWAY	214/0
GEN ACCID	930/0
GEN ELEC	230.0
GLAXO	343/0
GRANADA	338/0
GLOBE	175.5
GLYNED	288.0
GUARD RYL	196.0
GNOL	386/0
GUINNESS	494.0
HMMSONS	777.0
HANSON	199/0
HARRISON	163/0
HAKER SID	702/0
HILLSDOWN	274/0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	LAST
2ND ALLCE	928/0
2ND GROUP	139/0
A.AMER TS	450/0
A.B.ELECT	373/0
A.S.W.HLD	274/0
AAB KENT	125/0
AARONSON	393/0
ADDISON	44/4
ADVEST	179/0
ALEX WRKW	202/0
ALEXON	388/0
ALLD COLL	151/0
ALLD IR N	152/0
ALLD LDN	149/0
ALLD PART	71/4
ALLD TCE	381/0
ALLIANCE	050/0
AMBER DAY	52/4
AMEC	482/0
AMER TSH	157/0
AMERSHAM	505/0
AMH HLTHC	405/0
ANGLIA TV	185/0
ANGLO	266/0
ANSCHER	266/0
APLEYARD	170/0
APV PLC	143/0
ASHLEY LA	102/0
ATTWOODS	457/0
AUST REED	388/0
AUTO SECS	289/0
AVESCO	150/0
AVIS EUR	400/0
AVON RUBB	594/0
B.WELLHILL	257/0
BAILL JAP	512/0
BAILL SHI	91/4
BAIRD (W)	242/0
BANK REE	289/0
BANKER IT	90/4
BARON GP	200/0
BARST DEV	183/0
BAYNES C	34/0
BBA GROUP	198/0
BEAR BRND	11/6
BEATTIE J	146/0
BEHAVEN	53/0
BELLWAY	246/0
BEMROSE	241/0
BENLOX HD	61/0
BERKELEY	200/0
BHH GROUP	129/0
BK OF SCO	91/0
BLCK LE 2	9/6
BLK GROUP	478/0
BNNETT F	86/0
BOASE HAS	365.0
BODDINGTON	164/0
BOY SHOP	663/0

BOOTH HENR	508/0	506/0
BORTHWICK	40/0	41/0
BR ARROW	111/0	111/0
BR ASSETS	78/4	78/4
BR DREDGI	173/0	172/0
BR VITA	266/0	266/0
BRENT CHE	149/0	148/0
BRENT WKR	379/0	379/0
BRIDON	206/0	206/0
BRITANNIC	160/0	161/0
BRITANNIC	428/0	429/0
BRYTON E	382/0	383/0
BRN & JAC	41/4	41/0
BROWN SHI	333/0	332/0
BRYANT GP	103/0	104/0
BSG INTL	72/4	73/0
BUDGENS	105/0	106/0
BULBOUGH	197/0	197/0
BULMER HP	170/0	172/0
CAIRO GRP	511/0	510/0
CALENDONIA	364/0	364/0
CAMP ELEC	200/0	201/0
CAMPFORD	301/0	301/0
CANNING W	269/0	269/0
CANNON ST	213/0	213/0
CAP.RADIO	804/0	802/0
CARADON	335/0	334/0
CATTLE HD	73/0	73/0
CAULDON	13/4	14/0
CENTL TV	773/0	773/0
CHAM PHRR	217/0	215/0
CHARTERHA	21/6	21/6
CHORLIER	39/0	39/0
CHRISTIES	251/0	250/0
CI GROUP	54/0	54/0
CITYFORD	299/0	303/0
CENTL SEC	61/4	61/4
CHRYL OIL	162/0	161/0
COALITE	444/0	441/0
COATES BR	285/0	285/0
COLORCOL	157/4	158/0
CONNELLS	228/0	230/0
COOPER F	140/0	140/0
COSTAIN	336/0	338/0
COURTS FR	194/0	193/0
COURT (T)	144/0	145/0
CRH	191/0	191/0
CRODA INT	196/0	196/0
CRYSTALAT	126/0	126/0
CTRY PROP	220/0	220/0
DARES EST	31/2	31/4
DAVIS GD	160/0	160/0
DANVY CORP	251/0	251/0
DANVY GP	127/0	125/0
DELTA GRP	321/0	322/0
DEVENISH	323/0	325/0
DEWBEST	43/0	43/0
DIPLOMA	217/0	217/0
DOBSON PK	99/4	99/4
DODDAS GR	357/0	358/0
DODDINGHAM	77/0	77/0
DONVY GRP	279/0	281/0
DRAYTON FC	403/0	401/0
DRAYTON C	542/0	543/0
DRG	500/0	500/0
DUKEMIST	73/0	74/0
DUNDEE LD	327/0	327/0
DUNHILL	305/0	305/0
EAGLE TST	174/0	18/0
EDIN I.T	192/0	193/0
EDMOND HD	43/0	42/4
ELECTRA	288/0	289/0
ELECTROCOR	200/0	200/0
ENAP	242/0	243/0
ENESS	138/0	138/0
EMPIRE ST	179/0	179/0
ENG-INTL J	303/0	304/0
ETAM	182/0	181/0
EURO HOME	181/0	180/0
EUTROTHM	305/0	307/0
EUTRNL UT	104/0	105/0
EUTRNL UT	86/0	86/0
EVODE GRP	181/0	181/0
EX.CO.LOU	240/0	240/0
EXPANET	220/0	220/0
F&C ENTER	33/4	33/4
F&C EURO	295/0	296/0
F&C PACIF	167/0	166/0
F&C SMILL	84/0	84/0
FARNELL E	170/0	170/0
FED.HOUSH	196/0	196/0
FENNER JH	177/4	177/0
FERGUSON	245/0	246/0
FINE ARTS	83/0	84/0
FINLAY J	167/0	168/0
FITCH LOK	273/0	273/0
FLM.H.I.NC	109/4	109/0
FLM AMER	158/4	159/0
FLM F.E	225/0	226/0
FLM INTV	184/0	185/0
FLM JPN	242/0	242/0
GEI INTL	140/0	140/0
GERBONAT	259/0	258/0
GESTETNER	281/0	282/0
GOODE DUR	127/0	127/0
GPG	40/0	40/0
GRANPH HD	225/0	225/0
GREEN KNG	517/0	518/0
GREYCOAT	282/0	282/0
GRP TV A	476/0	479/0
GRP TV A	69/0	70/0
GUINNESS NA	367/0	369/0
GUS DRD	113/0	113/0
GVTI ORIE	258/0	260/0
GVTI STRA	218/0	211/0
H.LIND DIS	218/0	211/0
HALMA	218/0	218/0
HAMMERSON	825/0	830/0
HANMILL LE	72/4	73/0
HAZELL WOOD	258/0	259/0
HEATH(CE)	485/0	484/0
HELENE PL	31/4	31/4
HELICAL B	339/0	340/0

HEPWORKH	286/0	286/0
HESTAIR	242/0	242/0
HEYWOOD W	277/0	278/0
HICKSON IN	270/0	271/0
HIGGS HIL	353/0	352/0
HMBRO CITY	36/0	36/0
HMBRO ZOP	207/0	208/0
HNTB SPHR	149/0	148/0
HOLMES PR	84/0	84/0
HOUNDEN GP	154/0	154/0
HPOKINSON	82/0	83/0
HRYD.OBGS	132/0	133/0
HTY GROUP	97/4	96/0
ICE.FZ.FD	339/0	338/0
IMRY H.DV	483/0	485/0
INDOPHD T	15/0	15/0
INOCO PLC	31/0	31/4
INT.BU.CH	148/0	144/0
INT.CITY	58/0	58/0
JONS&FIR	56/4	57/0
JSHLDGRS	148/0	149/0
KALAMAZOO	28/0	28/0
KALON GRP	43/4	44/0
KELT ENGY	56/0	56/0
KETSON	12/0	11/4
KLURT CHR	145/0	145/4
KLURT O'S	156/0	156/0
KLURT SML	186/0	186/0
KLURT SML	473/0	473/0
KWIK SAVE	103/4	104/0
LAINE 'A'	345/0	348/0
LAINE ORD	350/0	353/0
LAINE PRD	328/0	328/0
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LAINE PRD	27/2	27/2
LAINE PRD	379/0	385/0
LAINE PRD	40/0	41/0
LAINE PRD	4/4	4/4
LAINE PRD	308/0	307/0
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LAINE PRD	348/0	348/0
LAINE PRD	168/0	168/0

ROCKFORD	91/0	91/0
ROTHAIRE	67/0	67/0
ROTHSCHLD	210/0	215/0
ROTOR	170/0	170/0
RUGBY GRP	202/0	203/0
RUTLAND T	44/0	44/0
SAGA GRP	298/0	298/0
SALVENE	140/0	140/0
SAVILLE G	59/0	60/0
SAVOY "A"	880/0	875/0
SCOT I.T.	156/0	156/0
SCOT AM.I	113/2	114/0
SCOT.E.IT	165/0	165/4
SCT NAT C	49/0	49/0
SCT NAT I	96/0	96/0
SCT NAT V	13/0	13/0
SECS TST	121/4	122/0
SELCTV 1P	17/0	17/0
SIMA GRP	321/0	321/0
SHANDWICK	141/0	

International Bond Highlights

LONDON: Nestlé OY is issuing a 250 min dir Eurobond due July 6, 1989 paying 9-1/4 pct and priced at 101.45 pct, lead manager Nomura International PLC said.

London: The Alliance and Leicester Building Society has mandated J.P. Morgan Securities to arrange a 250 min dir, five year, revolving syndicated credit facility, J.P. Morgan said.

Frankfurt: Eurofima is issuing a 300 min mark, 10-year floating rate note paying six month London interbank offered rate minus 1/8 point, lead manager Morgan Stanley GMBH said.

Frankfurt: The Bulgarian Foreign Trade Bank is issuing its first mark Eurobond, a 150-min mark seven-year issue, via Bayerische Vereinsbank AG, the bank said in a statement.

Paris: Interfinance Credit National is launching a 750 min French franc seven-year 8-7/8 pct Eurobond, priced at 101-1/2, lead manager Credit Commercial de France said.

London: The State Bank of Victoria is issuing a 50 min Australian dir Eurobond due July 13, 1989 paying 15-1/2 pct and priced at 102 pct, Hambros Bank Ltd said as lead manager.

Tokyo: Japanese institutional investors are poised to push the treasury portion of their portfolios to a three-year high as they continue to spearhead the recent rally in the US treasury market, bond sales managers said.

Tokyo: Nakadachi Securities Co Ltd is likely to start to act as a broker in the inter-broker bond market in Tokyo from October 2, a Nakadachi official said.

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	95	94	92	MUK IRON	119	118	119
ACC	323	324.50	323.50	GRASIN	39.75	40	39	MAT INDEX	377.33	378.15
ALCO	---	---	---	GNFC	114	114	113.50	NIPPON	36	34.50
ALU NIS	---	---	---	GSFC	150	150	150	NOCIL	892.50	895
ARI FAR	---	---	---	GUJ ALK	68	67	68.50	ORAY	21	20.25
ASHOK LEY	71	68	68	GUJ HEAVY	11	10.25	10	OSVAL AGRO	69	68
ASIA PAINT	192.50	192.50	193.75	HERO HONDA	21.50	21	20.50	PEICO	21	20
ATLAS CO	43	40	42	HIND CIBA	940	940	940	PONDS	180	185
AUTO CORP	84	82	84	HIND COCOA	107	107	105	PREN AUTO	40.25	49.50
BAJAJ AUTO	371.25	367.50	370	HIND LEVER	88.50	88	89.50	RAIBAKY	107.50	102.50
BAR RAYON	447.50	447.50	447.50	HIND MOTOR	38.25	38.25	37.75	RAY MOOL	80	79
BC BOND	145	144	145	HINDALCO	282.50	281.25	278.75	RECKITT	210	210
BLOM PLAST	---	---	---	HOECHST	740	730	730	RELIANCE	122	123
BOM DYE	135.50	136.50	133	JND ORG	36	36	35	SESA GDA	45.25	44.50
BSE INDEX	723.09	---	---	JND RAYON	83	83	82.50	SHAN MALL	70	70
BURR WEL	200	192.50	187.50	JNDROL	310	308.75	307.50	SHRI FIB	85.50	84
CANSHARE	185	180	185	INGERSOLL	397.50	392.50	397.50	SIEMENS	72	70
CEN ENKA	2615	2625	2620	ITC	114	113	112	SKF	1310	1320
CEN SPG	1835	1850	1830	KJ SYN	77	76	75.50	SPIC	56.50	57
COLGATE	331.25	330	331.25	KIN ENGG	185	184	187	ST MILLS	260	250
CROMT GR	1250	1225	1250	KIR CUMM	76.25	74	75	TATA CHEM	121.50	120
DDI	11.50	11.50	11.50	KSB PUMPS	397.50	392.50	397.50	TATA OIL	65	62.50
DEEP FERT	31.50	31.50	31.75	L AND T	86	85	85	TATA POW	315	315
DUNLOP	78	76	76	LIP TON	73	71	72	TELCO	778.50	782.50
EI HOTELS	54	53	54.50	NAC RUSSEL	103.50	100	102.50	THAPP AGRO	---	---
ESKORTS	65.50	65.50	66.50	NAD COATS	104	102	104	TISCO	1367	1360
ESKAYER	117.50	120	117.50	NAHINDRA	97	95	96	VAN ORG	136	162
ESSAR SPG	21.75	22	21.50	HAS SHARE	18.75	18.50	18.50	VARELI	26.25	25
FOOD SFL	177.50	76.25	177	NICO	630	620	630	VOLTAS	750	740
FORBES	46	45	47	WILKFOOD	225	225	230	WINCO	22	21.50
GAR POLY	70.50	70.50	69.50	WODI	85	82.50	85	ZENITH	58	56
GE SHIPPING	39.75	39.75	39.75	WRF LTD	400	395	400	ZUARI AGRO	75	74

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG	215.0
ALLIANZ VR	1814.0
BADEMERK	222.0
BAYER	310.3
BAYER HYP	383.0
BAYER VER	380.0
BBC	433.5
BHF	455.0
BHW	558.5
COMMERZB	238.0
CONTI GUMM	424.0
DAMER BEN	678.0
DEUTSC BK	554.9
DLW	537.0
DRESNER B	319.0
DT BARCOCK	182.8
FAZ INDEX	597.87
FELDMUEHL	372.1
GOLDSCHEID	405.5
HARPER	454.0
HOCHEST AG	297.7
HOCHEST	275.0
HORTEN	298.0
HUSSEL HLD	567.0
KAL SALZ	201.2
KARSTADT	561.0
KLOECK H	181.0
KLOECK W	172.5
LINDE	716.0
LUFTHANSA	187.5
MAN	299.5
MANNESMAN	249.5
MERCEDES	537.0
METALLGES	423.0
NIDORF PF	307.0
NORCK HYD	44.30
PHILIP KON	571.0
POSCHE	770.0
PREUSSAG	308.0
PUR	305.0
RHEINMETAL	378.0
RWE	308.8
RWE P	267.0
SALAMANDER	340.0
SCHERING	670.0
SEL	310.0
SIEMENS	549.0
THYSEN	255.0
VARTA	363.0
VEBA	304.0
VEW	189.5
VOLKSWAGEN	413.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
BANK EA	13.90
CATHAY	8.45
CAVENDISH	262
CHEUNG K	7.50
CHINA L-P	11.50
DAIRY FARM	670
EVERGO IND	2.27
GT EAGLE	0
H S INDEX	355.19
HAECO	16
HANG LUNG	3.55
HENDERSON	3.72
HK BANK	5.60
HK ELEC	7.00
HK GAS	16.50
HK LAND	7.45
HK TELECOM	4.37
HK-S HOTEL	4.37
HOPKELL	1.83
HS BANK	20.80
HUTCHINSON	8.15
HYSON DEV	1.20
JAR MATH	18.70
JSH	10.50
KH BUS	6.55
LAI SUN	103
MANDARIN O	0
MIRANAR	4.77
NEW WORLD	8.25
PAUL Y CON	.80
SHK PROP	8.70
STELLUX	1.89
SWIRE A	14.70
TAT CHEUNG	3.35
TV-B	.82
WHARF	7.60
WINSOR	7.95
WORLD INTL	3.05

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AJUNIMOTO	2730	2720	MITSUB CP	1410	1420
AKAI ELEC	800	820	MITSUB EL	2350	2380
AKAI	1340	1360	MITSUB HYY	1140	1160
ASAHI GLS	2360	2410	MITSUBI CO	1000	1020
ASAHI OPT	920	938	MITSUBISHI	2380	2380
BANK TOKYO	1660	1640	MITSUBI SEC	981	1000
BRIDGESTON	1640	1640	NICHICON	1750	1750
CANON	1830	1830	NIKON CHNT	1180	1150
CASIO COMP	1430	1440	NITKO SEC	1770	1770
CHUGAI PHM	1680	1710	NIP ELEC	1870	1850
CITIZEN W	1070	1100	NIP KOKKAN	821	836
D-ICHI KAN	3330	3330	NIP OIL	1460	1460
DAI NIP IT	890	903	NIP STEEL	845	850
DAI NIP TO	2350	2340	NIS TUSEN	970	970
DAI NIP TO	1380	1180	NIS MOTOR	1560	1580
DAI NIP TO	940	961	NISURA SEC	3140	3200
DAI NIP TO	1060	1060	OHBA CO	1260	1290
DAI NIP TO	2100	2130	OLYMPUS	1400	1400
DAI NIP TO	2150	2170	PENTA OCN	1370	1400
DAI NIP TO	2260	2260	PIONEER	3670	3650
DAI NIP TO	1950	1970	RENOVA	1090	1100
DAI NIP TO	1500	1500	RICOH	1300	1270
DAI NIP TO	3470	3450	SANKYO	2430	2430
DAI NIP TO	4050	4090	SANYO ELEC	935	943
DAI NIP TO	1710	1740	SEIYU ST	2200	2180
DAI NIP TO	1770	1830	SEIKISUI PB	1940	1950
DAI NIP TO	1580	1580	SHARP	1390	1400
DAI NIP TO	1940	1950	SHISEIDO	1700	1710
DAI NIP TO	2430	2480	SONY	7850	7940
DAI NIP TO	3780	3870	TAISEI	1590	1620
DAI NIP TO	1180	1200	TAISHO MRN	1320	1300
DAI NIP TO	16700	16800	TAKEEDA CH	2340	2330
DAI NIP TO	1030	1080	TEIJIN	875	881
DAI NIP TO	2050	2100	TKO NEW IX	464.14	483.76
DAI NIP TO	4500	4560	TOKIO MRN	2020	2020
DAI NIP TO	1700	1700	TOKYO ELEC	1220	1230
DAI NIP TO	1030	1070	TOKYO GAS	1060	1110
DAI NIP TO	945	964	TOKYO POWR	5810	5870
DAI NIP TO	1900	1900	TORAY IND	982	983
DAI NIP TO	1220	1250	TOSHIBA EL	1380	1400
DAI NIP TO	1170	1220	TOTO	2350	2350
DAI NIP TO	5120	5300	TOYO KKOYI	1010	1020
DAI NIP TO	1820	1800	TOYOTA MOT	2660	2660
DAI NIP TO	2750	2780	YAMADA	1380	1400
DAI NIP TO	2380	2400	YAMATCHI	1770	1780
DAI NIP TO	0	2660	YAMAMOTO	3530	3500
DAI NIP TO	1120	1150	YAMAZAKI	1500	1580

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE DOWN ON INTEREST RATE FEARS

TOKYO, JUNE 13, REUTER - A BURST OF BUYING BY INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS AT THE OPEN FAILED TO INSPIRE THE MARKET AS SELLING EMERGED IN LATE MORNING TRADE ON FEARS OF A DISCOUNT RATE RISE AND CURRENCY CONCERNS, KNOCKING SHARE PRICES DOWN AND HOLDING THEM DOWN IN LIGHT TRADE UNTIL THE CLOSE.

"IF THE YEN WOULD GO DOWN SLOWLY, WE COULD ENDURE IT, BUT THE SPEED IS TOO FAST," SAID TORANOBU SUGAI, HEAD OF EQUITY TRADING FOR SHEARSON LEHMAN HUTTON ASIA. "WE'RE CONFUSED."

THE 225-SHARE NIKKEI INDEX SHED 184.46 POINTS OR 0.35 PCT TO CLOSE OFF ITS LOWS AT 33,213.55, AFTER SURGING 157.50 TO A HIGH 33,555.51 NEAR THE OPEN. IT LOST 241.97 POINTS ON MONDAY.

TURNOVER WAS A LIGHT 500 MLN SHARES AGAINST THE 1989 RECORD LOW OF 350 MLN ON MONDAY.

SELLING EMERGED IN LATE MORNING TRADE AFTER THE DOLLAR HIT A HIGH OF 149.75 YEN AND LOCAL PRESS REPORTS QUOTED GOVERNMENT SOURCES AS SAYING JAPAN IS CONSIDERING RAISING ITS DISCOUNT RATE, BROKERS SAID.

THE BANK OF JAPAN FLATLY DENIED ANY PLAN FOR A RATE RISE.

"INVESTORS ARE REDUCING THEIR POSITIONS TO GET CASH, IN PARTICULAR THEY ARE REDUCING THEIR EXPOSURE TO DOMESTIC ISSUES," SAID A TRADER AT A FOREIGN BROKERAGE.

MOST INSTITUTIONS REMAINED SIDELINED, BROKERS SAID.

INVESTORS SOLD INTEREST-RATE SENSITIVE SHARES, ESPECIALLY LARGE-CAPITAL ISSUES AND TRADING COMPANY AND FINANCIAL STOCKS, ON THE RATE RISE RUMOUR, ONE JAPANESE BROKER SAID.

"ANY MOVEMENT IS VOLATILE WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR A STABLE YEN," SAID A BROKER AT A MAJOR JAPANESE SECURITIES HOUSE.

THE BROADER FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, FELL 19.62 POINTS TO 2,464.14 AFTER A 19.65-POINT DROP ON MONDAY.

ALTHOUGH VOLUME WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN MONDAY, BROKERS SAID THEY DID NOT DETECT ANY SUBSTANTIAL BUYING AND SELLING.

"WE HAVE TO BIDE TIME UNTIL THE YEN STRENGTHENS," SAID GREGORY BUNDY, HEAD OF EQUITY TRADING FOR MERRILL LYNCH JAPAN.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JUNE 13, REUTER - HONG KONG'S MAIN STOCK INDICATOR SANK 85.02 POINTS TO END AT 2,355.19 ON ACTIVE OVERSEAS SELLING, ALTHOUGH SOME LOCAL BARGAIN HUNTING PROVIDED A CUSHION IN THE AFTERNOON, BROKERS SAID.

"WE GOT A CLASSIC 16 PCT RETRACEMENT YESTERDAY FROM THE LOWS SINCE CHINA BLEW UP AND THAT INSPIRED SELLING TODAY, PARTICULARLY FROM AMERICAN INVESTORS," SAID A BROKER AT A LOCAL SECURITIES HOUSE.

BROKERS SAW STRONG SELLING PRESSURE EMERGING AROUND 2,400, WHICH IS ROUGHLY 16 PCT UP ON THE LOWS TESTED BY THE HANG SENG INDEX SINCE THE MILITARY CRACKDOWN IN PEKING.

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSE
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.27
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.29
ARAB BANK	---
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	---
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	---
ARAB INSURANCE	1.01
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	1.04
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.16
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	2.37
ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	2.37
ARAB PHARMA-MANF.	---
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	---
BETT AL-MAL/BEITNA	---
BEIGIUM INSURANCE	1.00
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	---
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	---
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	---
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27
GENERAL MINING.	2.10
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44
IND. MATCH JENCO	---
INDUSTRIAL DEVPT BKK	1.70
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGR.	0.75
INTERN. COM/INV.	0.13
ISRAID ELECTRICITY	0.90
ISRAID INV. HOUSE	0.64
INTERMED/PETRI/CH	---
J. TOUR-S/COMP	0.79
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26
JOR TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	---
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.51
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	---
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	---
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79
JOR LIN BRICK	0.83
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	0.50
JOR PAPER CARDBROG	---
JOR PHOSPHATE MINES	---
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	---
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	---
JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	1.11
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	---
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.65
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.91
JOR. PETROLIN REF	0.91
JOR. FRENCH INV	5.45
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	5.45
JORDAN GULF REAL	---
JORDAN DAIRY	---
JORDAN GULF BANK	0.94
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94
JORDAN INSURANCE	3.60
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	2.07
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	---
JORDAN TANNING	1.96
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71
MACH/EDU/RENT/MAIN	---
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	---
MIDDEL EAST INS	2.02
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.75
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	---
NAT/CABLE/TELE/INF	---
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.38
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.97
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	---
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25
PETRA BANK	0.35
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	---

OPEC Fund approves new loans to Third World

VIENNA, June 13, (OPECNA): The governing board of the OPEC Fund for International Development yesterday approved six loans totalling \$34.27 million and three technical assistance grants worth about 0.52 million.

The loans approved under the eighth lending programme, which ends in December this year, will benefit developing countries in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean.

Bangladesh will receive \$10 million for a general hospital complex and dental college project in Dhaka. Other recipients are: Chad (\$4.5 million) for a road rehabilitation project, Haiti (\$3.27 million) for small-scale irrigation schemes and a rehabilitation project, Nepal (\$5 million) for balance of payments support, Senegal (\$1.5 million) for a village and pastoral water supply project and (\$10 million) for petroleum products imports.

All loans carry annual interest rates ranging between two and three per cent, plus a one per cent service charge. Project loans have a maturity of 17 years, including a five-year grace period.

Programme and balance of payments support loans have a maturity of 10 and eight years respectively, including a three-year grace period.

The board also approved three technical assistance grants totalling \$516,000.

The Al Mahaba Hospital in Bethlehem in the occupied territories of Palestine will receive \$300,000 for purchase of equipment and furniture, as well as the renovation of certain facilities at the hospital.

Somalia will receive \$116,000 for an expanded immunization programme aimed at extending vaccination services to all infants and women of child-bearing age. Sudan will receive \$100,000 in emergency assistance for displaced people.

In a report to the 47th session of the board, OPEC Fund Director-General Dr Seyyid Abdulai said that 76 per cent or \$1.71 billion of the fund's total approved loan commitments had so far been disbursed.

Out of 476 loans totalling \$2.3 billion approved by the fund, 467 agreements worth \$2.26 billion have already been signed.

He added that grants totalling \$532,000 had so far been allocated this year, bringing cumulative grant commitments to 212.7 million.

A total of 253 grants have financed activities ranging from technical assistance, vocational training, food aid and research.

The one-day board meeting under the chairmanship of Osama Faquih, Saudi Arabian deputy minister for international economic co-operation at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, was also briefed on new projects submitted to the fund for financing.

Labour trouble hits UK ports and railways

LONDON, June 13, (Reuters): Unofficial strikes by British dockers spread yesterday and railway staff threatened to bring the country's trains to a halt.

The National Association of Port Employers said nearly 3,500 dockers staged strikes at 13 ports, including Liverpool, Bristol and Tilbury, in defiance of union leaders and management.

The unofficial strikes began last Thursday and by the end of the week workers had downed tools at eight ports.

They were protesting against government plans to scrap next month the national dock labour scheme, introduced in 1947, which guarantees jobs for life to 9,400 dock workers.

British rail services were threatened with disruption after staff on the overland British rail network and London underground trains voted for strikes.

The National Union of Railwaymen said rail staff voted for a series of one-day stoppages and an overtime ban in protest against a seven per cent pay offer.

Crews on London's underground, which has been hit in the last few months by five unofficial one-day strikes, voted to strike over pay and working conditions.

The appeal court ruled on Wednesday that a planned national dock strike which workers approved by a three-to-one vote last month was unlawful.

Transport and general workers union leader Ron Todd issued a new call to his members to go back to work, saying union policy was to obey the law.

The 60 ports covered by the national dock labour scheme handle about 47 per cent of Britain's seaborne import and export trade by value, according to employers.

Fraudsters' ingenuity taxes EEC detectives

BRUSSELS, June 13, (Reuters): At minus 18 degrees Centigrade, slabs of liver or chicken scraps can be very hard to tell from prime beef.

Unscrupulous exporters find this very useful when they claim European Economic Community (EEC) subsidies. The more they exaggerate the quality of their deep-frozen assets, the bigger the hand-out.

Among other ploys are declaring mythical groves of olive trees, garnishing boxes of bones with steak, and driving lorriesloads of wheat back and forth across borders to cash in on the EEC's artificial "green" exchange rates.

The Court of Auditors, the EEC's

financial watchdog, recently blew the whistle on swindles such as these in a major report spotlighting the alarming extent of fraud affecting the community's farm budget.

Hans Helmut Wachter, who heads a task force at the EEC's executive commission co-ordinating the fight against fraud, says the scale of the problem is hard to estimate but draws a comparison with tax evasion which hits all governments.

"Nobody knows. You can invent any figure. But the general assumption is that tax evasion amounts to about 10 per cent and I don't see this being any different," he told Reuters in an interview.

The \$30-billion annual farm budget covers products from cereals to silk-worms and accounts for two-thirds of EEC spending.

So farmers and traders taking advantage of scant inspection and loopholes in the common agricultural policy (CAP) could cost the community at least \$3 billion this year.

To fight them, the commission has an anti-fraud budget of \$98 million — up 20 per cent from last year.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has been leading a campaign for a crackdown and her Agriculture Minister John MacGregor makes a point of raising the issue at every EEC farm ministers' meeting.

"The extent of fraud in the use of European Economic Community funds is a matter of very great concern ... we believe the rules applied by the community must be tightened up," Thatcher told parliament.

"There was too much lip service to it, which is why I've been giving it a higher and higher profile," MacGregor told journalists.

The commission is quick to point out that it is unfair to blame Brussels. Most of the responsibility for paying and policing subsidies lies with EEC states themselves.

"We need government's co-operation to fight fraud," said commission president Jacques Delors.

Commission sources said Delors believes Thatcher is using the issue to whip up British public opinion against EEC plans she opposes, particularly for monetary union and a charter of social rights.

Budget Commissioner Peter Schmidhuber said his job would be a lot easier now if members had not blocked past ideas for giving the commission greater powers.

Britain counts among those that did so, and farm experts such as consultant Brian Gardner of European policy analysis are suspicious of such sudden zeal to stop fraud.

"Britain is one of the countries with the worst records," he said, referring to

the recent EEC court of auditors' report.

Wachter admitted that detected and reported fraud for the past eight years — an annual average of just 0.18 per cent of the budget — only shows the tip of the iceberg. Some countries, such as Greece and Luxembourg, did not admit to any at all.

But he says there are misconceptions about gangsters and terrorists cashing in. "Most of what we do doesn't involve the police. This type of crime involves customs and tax investigators."

"I say we should change the system every ten years. People get to know how it works and exploit the loopholes," he said.

GCC nationals will be allowed to deal on Bahrain market

Stock exchange to open June 17

MANAMA, Bahrain, June 13, (AP): The newly established Bahrain stock exchange will start trading on Saturday, almost six months later than originally planned, its director announced today.

Fawzi Behzad told a news conference the opening was delayed in order to complete discussions with financial authorities for "more careful" rules on market activity.

The dealing hall, a marble-roofed chamber in the Hedayat building, also had to be completed, he said. The new exchange is on government road, where several banks are located.

Behzad and other officials say they hope the island's stock exchange will become the Wall Street of the Gulf region.

"Now we deal in local Bahrain companies. We shall be moving to Gulf companies... then to the international companies," he said.

But he said it would be some

time before trading in international companies' stock would start because "it needs computerized data, for example."

The Bahrain exchange will seek to attract private Arab wealth accumulated during the 1970s oil boom that is currently invested abroad. Such holdings are estimated at around \$150 billion.

Its cautious beginning reflects official determination to avoid overheating of the kind that triggered the 1982 crash of Kuwait's unofficial Al Manakh stock market under the pressure of \$94 billion worth of post-dated cheques.

Behzad said the market would trade for just 90 minutes daily, opening at 9:30 am (0630 GMT). It will close on Fridays.

He said five individual brokers and two financial companies would trade stock of 29 Bahraini national companies that have a combined total of 4.4 billion shares. Their total nominal value

is set at \$1.6 billion.

Share values will be limited to a 15 per cent move up or down on any trading day.

Nationals of other Gulf Co-operation Council states will be allowed to deal on the Bahrain market, but company ownership percentages have not yet been defined, he said.

The GCC, which groups Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, has set the ceiling for ownership by citizens of one member-country in companies of another at 25 per cent.

Behzad said the stock exchange's founding decree permits eventual trading in government bonds, real estate and other financial instruments, but set no date for the expansion.

Behzad said he hoped that each GCC country would eventually have its own exchange so that "we shall be able to coordinate for the future... it will push a Gulf market in general."

Alfonsin to quit on June 30

Argentina facing worst economic crisis

BUENOS AIRES, June 13, (Reuters): President Raul Alfonsin, bowing to pressure to cut short his term in the face of Argentina's economic collapse, has announced he will resign on June 30.

But his elected successor Carlos Menem quickly said he could not take office so soon. His aides said the first half of August would be a more suitable date for handover.

Alfonsin's televised announcement late last night took the peronist president-elect by surprise.

Menem said in a statement that negotiations to bring forward his inauguration from the scheduled December 10 had not yet finished.

His spokesman Adrian Freijo

said Alfonsin's resignation would force the president of the senate to become interim head of state. And he is none other than Eduardo Menem, the president-elect's brother.

"There is no alternative to one Menem placing the (presidential) sash on another Menem," Freijo said.

With the country facing its worst economic crisis, a growing number of political, business and labour leaders had called on Alfonsin to cut short his six-year term.

Hyper-inflation — prices rose 78.5 per cent in May alone — growing unemployment and a generalised lack of faith in the radical administration boiled over a fortnight ago into bloody

food riots in which 15 people died and hundreds were injured.

"We are facing a social explosion. Unfortunately this government has lost the credibility it once had and we think a handover of power could lead to a different consensus to any steps that may be taken," peronist trade union leader Saul Ubaldini said last week.

Menem, who routed his radical opponent in the May 14 elections, has been working on an economic plan that includes big salary increases, far-reaching tax and public sector reforms and the introduction of a new currency to replace the battered austral, which has lost 95 per cent of its value against the dollar in the past four months.

Joint venture project

RIL to set up refinery in Dubai

NEW DELHI, June 13, (Reuters): Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) plans to set up a six-million tonne capacity refinery in Dubai at a capital cost of \$900 million. The company proposes to sell the end-products to the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC).

According to official sources, the project is proposed to be set up as a joint venture with one of eight leading refining companies. The project will be located in Jebel Ali, near Dubai.

The promoter's contribution in the project will be around 40 per cent. RIL proposes to raise finances from the international market in addition to tapping the Abu Dhabi investment authority and the GCC Investment Company.

It is learnt that the project has the blessing of leading banks in West Asia as also the royal families in the region.

In fact, reports from Dubai suggest that the local government's idea is to shift a refinery currently lying unused in the UK and reassemble it in Jebel Ali.

It has been toying with the idea of a refinery in the Emirates and in the mid seventies IOC even conducted a feasibility study in this regard.

The project, however, never materialised.

Sources here point out that the RIL proposal is

currently being examined by three Ministries of Commerce, Finance and Petroleum and Natural Gas.

The IOC is also studying the proposal to buy the middle distillates from the Dubai project.

If the government gives the nod to the project, it will provide middle distillates to IOC at substantially cheap prices.

Industry company sources say that the project will be set up with the latest know-how and at comparatively low costs.

The capital cost would be substantially lower. It will take only 36 months for the project to come up from the zero date.

Against this, in India a refinery normally takes anywhere near six years to come up.

It is pointed out that the joint venture would enable the country to procure the much-needed middle distillates at low costs.

In view of the highly volatile global oil scenario the RIL project could provide the additional benefit of being an assured source of supply.

The RIL proposal assumes importance as none of the proposed refineries including that in Mangalore and Karnal have yet to come up.

Bankers warn of strong dollar

BASEL, Switzerland, June 13, (AP): The strong dollar is harming efforts to correct imbalances among the world's major trading partners, and this could destabilize financial markets if it continues, the president of the Bank for International Settlements said yesterday.

Cuts in the US budget deficit would be the most effective response, BIS officials said in presenting the bank's annual report.

Exchange rate movements in the past 18 months "have not always been helpful from the angle of the adjustment process," Wim Duisenberg, president of the Dutch National Bank and of the BIS, said in a speech to the central banker's annual meeting.

"Specifically, I have in mind the recent strength of the dollar and the weakness of the yen and the Deutsche mark."

BIS general manager Alexandre Lamfalussy said in the bank's annual report that "fiscal restraint in the United States constitutes the only rational response" to a buying spree by US consumers and may be the only credible way to relaunch the fight against trade imbalances, which has stalled for a year.

Duisenberg warned that the imbalances — trade surpluses in Japan and West Germany and a huge US deficit — are likely to rise again next year and would not be helped by a continued strong dollar.

As a result, "the risks of periodic instability in financial markets will continue to be there and are likely to become greater as time goes on," he said.

Duisenberg said economic policymakers are currently at a crossroads.

He warned that tightening monetary policy to ward off inflation would endanger the seven-year-old phase of world economic growth.

Spurring consumer demand in Japan and West Germany would risk increasing inflation, he said, while further interest rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve would cause a new surge in the dollar.

By contrast, cuts in the US budget deficit would "serve the interests of both domestic and external adjustment in the greater part of the world," Lamfalussy said.

The official warned of the dangers of gradually increasing prices, but said they do not foresee a 1970s-style inflationary wave in major countries.

Efforts to tackle the problems of heavily indebted countries lagged last year, their total foreign debt rising to 25 per cent above its 1982 level, the BIS officials said.

Referring to debt reduction proposals unveiled in March by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, the officials reaffirmed the Western stand that each country's debt problem must be considered individually.

Help from the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in cutting debt and interest payments "will not lessen the need for appropriate adjustment policies" in the debt-burdened countries, Duisenberg said.



The international environmental group Greenpeace protested Icelandic whaling in front of Arthur Treacher's restaurant in Washington. Greenpeace is calling on Treacher's and other restaurant chains to halt their use of Icelandic fish because of Iceland's continued hunting and killing of whales. (Reuters wirephoto)

Japan takes tougher stand

Iceland to stop killing whales for research

SAN DIEGO, June 13, (AP): Japan restated its intention to continue killing whales in the name of science as the International Whaling Commission opened its 41st annual meeting.

Iceland's minister of fisheries, however, told delegates yesterday that his country's four-year research programme will be finished this year and no more whales will be slaughtered.

In a statement to the commission, Halldor Asgrisson said Iceland's research has produced more than 30 scientific studies on whale biology and behaviour.

Japan took a tougher stand in its opening statement by lead delegate Kazuo Shima, who said whaling is "an inherent part of our cultural, religious and social structures."

"The meat-eaters (in Western countries) who have no use for

whales except as a cult symbol or tourist attraction have so little regard for our culture that they would force us to change it," Shima said.

"On the other side, among fish-eating cultures of Japan, Iceland and Norway, whales were always an important part of their food culture," Shima said. "That has never changed."

Shima's comments came shortly after an environmentalist announced new figures suggesting the global count of several whale species, particularly the blue whale, has been greatly overestimated.

Recent estimates put the population of blue whales, the earth's largest animal, at 6,000 to 11,000. But the new report, taken from eight years of research on whale populations in the south-

ern hemisphere, estimates the current population is between 453 and 200.

"Where we are is far, far worse than any of us had foreseen," said Roger Payne, a research scientist with the World Wildlife Fund. "I now think that the question of whether blue whales will actually survive... has suddenly come open again."

Dr Sidney Holt, scientific adviser to the Seychelles Islands Wildlife Foundation, said his research also indicated surprisingly low numbers of humpback, sperm and fin whales, but noted that Antarctic waters surveyed excluded much of their normal habitat.

Shima's written statement to the commission also said an irreparable split has developed, pitting the pro-whaling minority against a majority that favours strict whale conservation.

\$4.6 billion IMF loan for Venezuela

WASHINGTON, June 13, (AP): Officials say the International Monetary Fund is ready to approve a \$4.6 billion loan to Venezuela, where riots prompted by an austerity plan killed hundreds last February.

The Caracas riots were prompted by increases in bus fares and gasoline prices decreed as part of the programme to satisfy the IMF and other creditors.

The day after the violence erupted, Venezuelan officials in New York signed the tentative loan accord with the IMF.

Officials in Washington, who declined identification, said yesterday that the IMF staff has finalised details of the loan and it will next be put before the board of executive directors, who represent the 151-member governments.

They say it may be approved later this month by the IMF membership.

Part of any new loan could go to reduce Venezuela's debt of more than \$35 billion, in accordance with the plan of Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady.

Malaysian ad industry upset over ban on models

KUALA LUMPUR, June 13, (UPI): A government ban on television commercials that feature models with Western looks and that glorify Western lifestyles has touched off outcries against discrimination.

Advertisers complain the July 1 deadline for compliance is disrupting plans for costly completed television spots and models say they are being punished for their attractive looks.

"The mandate has caused massive confusion," said Yasmin Yusoff, a former Miss Malaysia who owns Image Creation Enterprise, the country's largest modeling agency.

"Already I have had a Malaysian-born and bred woman of Asian-Portuguese descent rejected for a cosmetics ad because she looked too European and an Indian citizen turned away for resembling an American negro. Where will it stop?"

In a drive to bring about a return to traditional Islamic values, Information Minister Mohamed Rahmat in April announced the ban on TV commercials that show only Western and Caucasian-looking Eurasians.

Also barred are scenes of women in bathing suits or other skimpy attire and anything that might convey an aura of superiority of Western lifestyles compared with that of Malaysia, where the annual per capita income of the 17 million residents is \$1,920.

With Malays comprising 55 per cent, Chinese 30 per cent, Indians 10 per cent and other races the remainder of the population, advertisers have long sought models of mixed heritage to reflect the country's multi-racial makeup.

Under the new dictate, Mohamed said, Eurasian and other models who look Caucasian can only appear in ads that also

feature actors clearly representing the dominant ethnic groups.

Models of mixed parentage feature prominently in television advertisements that account for nearly half the gross billings in the local industry, estimated to top \$100 million this year. Of Malaysia's three television channels two belong to the government and the other to the ruling political party.

"We will ban television commercials which feature an all-Caucasian or par-Asian looking cast from July 1," Mohamed reiterated, adding "we will not change our minds."

Major advertising agencies are appealing for more time to comply with the directives.

"If radical changes must be made in an ad, it could wipe out an entire media budget," said Peter Beaumont, managing

director of the Malaysia branch of the American ad agency Leo Burnett.

Under the ban, videotapes of ads must be submitted to the Information Ministry's evaluation panel. Beaumont noted considerable money is at stake with commercials sometimes taking between one and two years to produce.

"We understand the danger of ads presenting the impression of a superior American lifestyle to viewers who cannot realistically aspire to such trappings and (we) are trying to avoid this from happening," Beaumont said.

The government's biggest objection has been to the tobacco industry spots, in which Caucasian-looking models in bathing suits lounge on yachts, and other commercials showing scenes of life in the fast lane.

Consumer groups applaud the government ban.

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- Khaldiya
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By Kathy Cuddihy

Culture shock

CULTURE shock, according to my university sociology text, is "the feeling of unreality, confusion and anxiety that accompanies the realization that the ways of thinking and acting that we have always taken for granted are simply no longer appropriate."

Although Middle East expats must adapt to a slower pace of life and vast culture differences, they are usually made to feel as comfortable as possible. They drive in familiar cars, live in familiar houses and have the option of household help — a blessing which, for most, is not the easily affordable norm at home.

Despite these conventional props, "feelings of unreality, confusion and anxiety" are not uncommon. What is common, is the belief that there's no culture shock like our own culture shock. After all, what other people find "shocking" about our culture, we find perfectly normal and unthreatening so, we reason, how could anyone possibly have a problem adjusting once they set their mind to it.

My first exposure to so-called blinkered culture shock was a remark made by a newly-arrived expat who couldn't believe that her houseboy didn't know how to work a washing machine. Not wanting to appear equally "ignorant," I refrained from confessing that I, too, had had difficulties figuring out the mechanics of the unfamiliar machine and eventually required guidance from my more dexterous husband. Unlike the unfortunate houseboy, I had grown up with such contraptions.

The rapid modernisation which took place during the decade following the mid-'70's forcefully brought the local population into contact with a few high-tech "shocks" from the rest of the world. Household appliances piled beside the wonders of elevators, escalators and moving sidewalks, and sliding glass doors which opened automatically.

"Quite Amazing," mumbled one old man after he had spent twenty minutes going in and out of the city's first such installation. "This door always knows when I want to walk through."

Another fellow marvelled at his "joke-telling" car. Every so often a computerised voice spoke from the dashboard. "Your door's ajar, your door's ajar."

"What a sense of humour," he chuckled. "Next the voice will tell me that the steering wheel's a plate of caps!" I didn't have the heart to enlighten him.

The most profound impact of culture shock comes when these innocents travel to the West for the first time. My favourite story comes from a dear, now sophisticated friend who revealed a few of the many "feelings of unreality, confusion and anxiety" he experienced when he left his rural surroundings to go to the United States to study many years ago.

and nerve-racking, too. Logic told me that flying was safe, but I still couldn't repress those nagging little worries: Would the sun melt me? Would the plane fall out of the sky?

In Beirut, stage one of the journey, he decided to do something he'd only heard people talk about with a sense of awe: go to the movies.

"A brightly lit sign said 'Wait Until Dark,' so that's exactly what I did. I began to wonder why people kept going into and coming out of the building if the film hadn't started yet. Then someone eluded me in it. It's lucky the film had such a passive title or who knows what mischief I might have got up to!"

Poor Mohammed didn't fare much better at his next stop. As an Arab he didn't need a visa for Lebanon and it didn't occur to him that he would need one for a brief stopover in London. Caught in a web of bureaucracy, Mohammed's lack of English only complicated matters.

Resorting to sign language, the frustrated official pointed towards a room down a hallway. Not knowing he was being directed to an office which granted immediate, short-term visas, Mohammed followed the finger... and came to a cafeteria.

"I was delighted with this supposed show of hospitality and sat down to have a welcome cup of tea and a piece of cake. I did think it strange that I had to pay for the food since I was this man's 'guest,' but then I figured that this was

just English-style hospitality.

"About half an hour later I returned to the official to thank him. When he looked in my passport and saw that I still didn't have a visa, he went into a rage. At this point, someone interceded to translate. The official apologised when he realised I had made an honest mistake, but the damage had been done. The whole scene had offended and shaken me so much that I refused to let him give me a visa. I got on the next plane for New York."

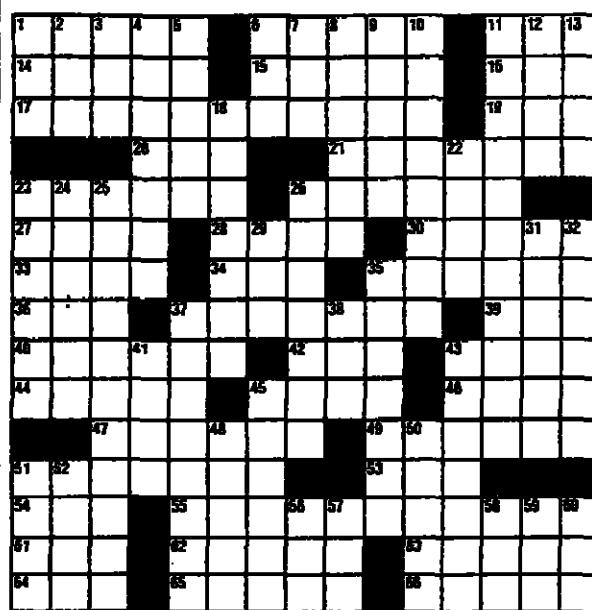
London's irate officialdom seemed tame compared to the spectacles of New York: revolving doors, fast-talking taxi drivers who took foreigners for a ride in more ways than one, street performers, kooky fashions... and people, and lots of noise.

"I begged the student advisor at the consulate to get me to my school in Oregon as fast as possible. Fortunately he was most co-operative."

In Oregon, after a couple of weeks of settling in, Mohammed finally adjusted to his new life. This was greatly facilitated when he set his watch to local time...

Stories like this make the culture shock suffered by Middle East expats seem mild in comparison. Personally, I identify with Mohammed. I had no problems adjusting to life here, but I must admit to "feelings of confusion" when I return home after long periods. The pace is too fast and the technological advances are too complicated to absorb in short visits. Quite honestly, I would rather stay right here... and try to figure out how to run my new washing machine.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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 - 4 Town near Tanglewood
 - 5 Scandinavian sea god
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 - 31 Delays
 - 32 School supt.'s degree
 - 33 Cuckoo
 - 34 Jump rope game
 - 35 "Mal — Making Eyes at Me"
 - 36 Lots of lots
 - 37 More aloof
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 - 49 Certain lizards
 - 50 Growing under snow
 - 51 Handsome guy
 - 52 Fabric for a summer frock
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 - 54 Montreal player
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 - 56 Sub-continental
 - 57 Hornburg kin
 - 58 Accustoms
 - 59 A little extra on the ball?
 - 60 Most towering
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 - 62 Scribble
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 - 69 Make certain
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠KJ ♠94 ♠Q973 ♠A10972
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
?

What do you bid now?
A.—You are not sure what partner is looking for with his three-heart bid, but you really don't care! You can show your stoppers in the black suits by bidding three no trump.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K6 ♠8 ♠K72 ♠AQ107652
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
?

What do you bid now?
A.—With no first-round control outside of your suit, a jump to three clubs would be a distinct stretch. For the moment, you can do no more than rebid two clubs and await further developments—if any.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AQ102 ♠85 ♠6 ♠AKQJ93
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
?

What do you bid now?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:
WASP SKEET LIST
ALLA LENTO OPIE
REARWINDOW GERE
SEWARD SNIGGLER
DIET TAIL
REFIT ILE PABLO
ELAN CAINES OAF
NOME TRAIN RUST
EPI ORANGE ENSE
WELTS SAM ADDON
YEAR ACRE
IMPERIAL EGGLES
PALP AHITCHCOCK
SLOE TORTI ASTI
ETIE AYELL STOP

A.—This time, no one can question your strength for a jump to three clubs, yet that would not be the right bid. When you have an opportunity to show a four-card major suit at the one-level, you should seize the chance rather than rebid a six-card minor. Bid one spade.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠Q3 ♠KQ82 ♠AQJ532 ♠5
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
Pass 1 ♠ ?
?

What action do you take?
A.—You are not strong enough to double and then, over partner's probable one spade response, bid two diamonds. Therefore, be content with a simple overcall of one diamond.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K ♠KJ1065 ♠AQ6 ♠J864
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ ?

What do you bid now?
A.—It might seem automatic to complete the picture of your distribution by bidding two clubs (two hearts promises a six-card suit). However, rather than make a bid which suggests extra values when you have such a poor suit, we suggest a rebid of one no trump. That's only a little white lie and limits your hand.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQ96 ♠AJ1073 ♠J ♠4
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
?

What action do you take?
A.—This is close, and we'll accept anything other than a pass. The aggressive ones will go straight to four spades. The more conservative will make a trial bid of three hearts, the suit in which they need some help.

Try this quiz to see whether you live in the real world or not

Are you just a beautiful dreamer?

By Lisa Stacey

ARE you the type of person who floats around on cloud nine, in a world of your own? Or have you learned to grab life by the throat and take every opportunity that comes your way?

Perhaps, you would love to become one of life "doers", but you just haven't got the get-up-and-go with you. To find out where you fit in the dream stakes, do our quiz. Then, if you are not happy with our conclusion, go over the questions again and find out how you can get back down to earth, or learn to dream.

1. Are you totally happy with your present partner, answer honestly:

- a. Yes, he is the man of your dreams?
- b. You get along well enough and have your romantic moments?
- c. You don't have a partner?
- d. No, you hate each other. But it would mean too much change to leave?
- e. Fairly well, you don't expect any more from life?

2. When you were young, you must have imagined a type of life for yourself and a job. How close is your life to that dream today?

- a. Totally different, but we all love to dream?
- b. Very similar, you planned your life well?
- c. Better, you have been lucky and grabbed opportunities?
- d. Different, but just as good. Children have unrealistic dreams?

e. You didn't have dreams, you just got on with it?

3. If you have an ambition, what do you do about it:

- a. Nothing?
- b. Fantasize about what might be?
- c. Plan, so that you can achieve it?
- d. Put everything you have into achieving it, you are very determined?

e. What is the point of dreaming, you never achieve ambitions?

4. How do you feel about people who give up everything to go and travel the world:

- a. Jealous, you would love to do something like that?
- b. Pathetic, they are being irresponsible?
- c. Great, you would do something like that yourself?
- d. You have dreamt of doing that?

e. You have done that?



just to break the ice?

- a. Keep looking and hope that he comes over?
- b. Ignore it, but dream about what might have been for days after?
- c. Tell yourself that he/she's not worth the effort?
- d. Ask him what he/she likes to eat?

6. How do you feel about your present job?

- a. Bored, but you can't be bothered to look for another?
- b. It's okay and it pays the rent?
- c. Happy, you are content with your career?
- d. Restless, you like to keep moving on?
- e. You don't work?

7. How many of the following do you do regularly: change your best friend, change your job, sell up and move, buy a new car, invest in something outrageous, chat up someone, blow all your money on a new outfit, take up a new hobby or sport:

- a. None?
- b. One or two?
- c. Three or four?
- d. Most?
- e. All?

8. You have been with your present partner for sometime and have planned a life together. Then you meet and fall for someone new, but he has few prospects of getting a good job. Do you:

- a. Have a fling, but stay with your partner?

- b. Throw caution to the wind and leave.
- c. Enjoy the attention, but not let it go any further?
- d. Tell him to get lost?
- e. Stay with your partner and dream about the new person?

9. You win a competition and have a choice of prize. Which of the following would you select:

- a. A totally impractical sports car?
- b. The holiday of a lifetime?
- c. You would take the cash?
- d. A wild shopping spree.
- e. A new home?

10. You are offered a new job, but it will mean losing your security. Do you:

- a. Refuse, you are already having a good job?
- b. Ask for time to think it over?
- c. Weigh up the money side of things?
- d. Have a go, what have you got to lose?
- e. Jump at the chance, you were getting bored anyway?

11. A friend of yours has a crazy plan to go to Europe for six months. She wants you to go with her, do you:

- a. Refuse, you would lose your job?
- b. Find it if you could take six months leave from work?
- c. Wish her luck and wish you were going?
- d. Give up everything and go at the drop of a hat?
- e. Tell her that she is mad?

12. You fall in love with a new outfit, but it is wildly expensive

and quite outrageous. Do you:

- a. Get your credit cards out?
- b. Start saving up?
- c. Think that it is nice, but not you?
- d. Go back to see it, until someone else has bought it?
- e. Forget about it?

13. A group of friends are planning to do a parachute jump for charity. Do you:

- a. Give them a donation?
- b. Try and pluck up the courage to join them?
- c. Join in, you love dangerous living?
- d. Go and watch them?
- e. Check the safety records, before you take special training for the jump?

14. Which description is closest to your personality:

- a. Impetuous?
- b. Careful?
- c. Daring?
- d. Dreamy?
- e. All action?

How to score: award points for answers as follows, then add them up.

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Now, see how you scored: 0-25 Dream? You don't even have the energy to think about what might be. Let's face facts, you are totally bone idle and you don't like change in life. You are prepared to live from day to day and put in the minimum of effort.

Well, take one piece of advice — you only get one life so you might as well make the most of it!

100-195: You are the originally Dolly Daydream, the type who spends the whole time floating around on cloud nine. With a vivid imagination, you have great ideas and plans, but never get around to putting your thoughts into action.

Be brave and make some of your dreams come true, all it takes is a little time and effort. 200-300 007 has nothing on you, when you get an idea and want to carry it through to the bitter end. You are all action and you don't like anything, or anyone getting in your way.

One note of warning, not all plans are infallible and sometimes it is a good idea to think again before jumping in with two feet.

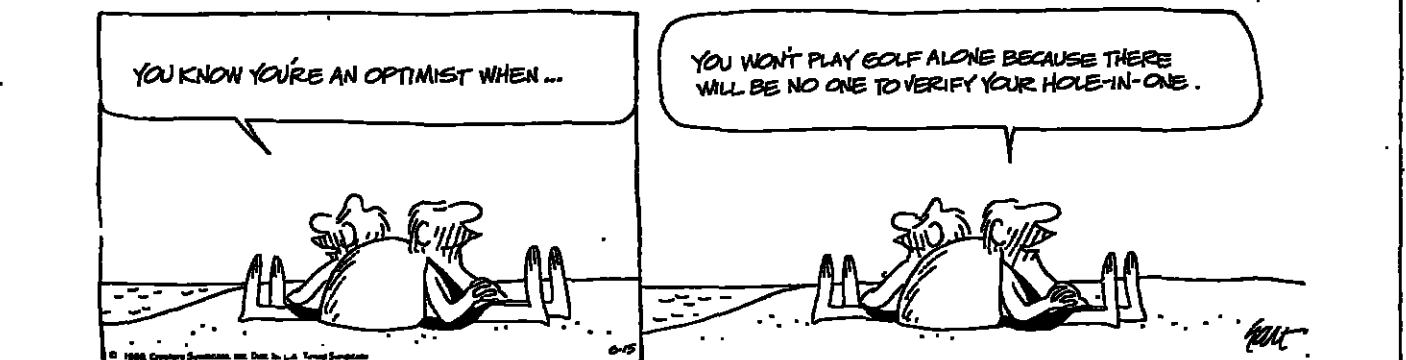
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>This is going to be a busy day for you so do not waste time. You should try to adjust yourself to the inevitable changing your energies to changing what can be changed. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be less frivolous.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You should be prepared to make a few changes but avoid change just for the sake of change. Venus' favourable influence coupled with that of Mars will help you to rekindle flagging enthusiasm. Try to look on the bright and positive side. Be reasonable.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>You will tend to be a little scatter-brained today so try to pull yourself together. You should attend to practical matters first of all. Show a little more goodwill towards others and do not give in to temptation. Be amenable.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>You will get tired rather more easily so do what is really important first. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 19. Try hard to look at matters from other people's point of view too. Do not think you have lots of time, it is always later than you think. Be more cautious.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You should try to avoid all kinds of exaggerations. Do not waste your energies fighting a losing battle. Relish a pleasant moment but do not expect it to last forever. Be consistent.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>You will be able to do something positive today but only if you set your mind to it. Do not allow others to be a nuisance to you, but nor should you be one to others. Stand by your friends. Be less obstinate.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>Mars' better influence coupled with that of Saturn will help you to look on the bright side. Your common sense will stand you in good stead. You should not allow your emotions to get out of hand, but nor should you altogether ignore them. Be more generous.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You will have something to be pleased about, but do not relax your efforts. You should allow a little time to deal with a personal problem. Make sure your partner does not feel unloved or neglected. Be tactful.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>You will feel rather hard done by, more than you have real reason to. You should do your best to avoid causing confusion. Ignoring an unpleasant subject is by no means the way to deal with it. Be more frugal.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>Do not be surprised if others put their interests before yours. You should not expect results overnight. Mind what you say and do your best not to give offence. Be proud of yourself but not conceited.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>You should try to adopt a more even working pace instead of doing things by stops and starts. If you are getting bored by all means change to something else, but do not stop midstream and do not allow yourself to be distracted. Avoid eating too many sweet things. Be punctual.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>A problem which you had been anticipating will prove to be easier to deal with than you had expected. You will be able to make a few changes for the better. Do not place too much trust in luck and do not act on the spur of the moment. Be polite.</p>

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Spurs best preparation for World Cup: Lineker

MADRID, June 13, (Reuters): Gary Lineker has said he chose to leave Barcelona for Tottenham ahead of several other European clubs because he wanted to prepare in England for next year's World Cup finals in Italy.

The England striker's move has not been settled, but a top Barcelona official said yesterday that if he left it would be to join Spurs.

"I had to take a decision because, luckily, I had a lot of offers. I thought about it a lot," Lineker said in an interview with the sports newspaper Marca published today.

"The main reason is professional. In England I'll get the chance to play for a great team and prepare in my own country for the World Cup — something which is extremely important to me," said Lineker, top goalscorer in the 1986 Mexico World Cup finals.

Lineker, reported to have had offers from Italian clubs Fiorentina and Genoa and French club Monaco, said he had thought hard about a move to Italy. He discussed it with Welshman Ian Rush who is back with Liverpool after a spell at Juventus.

"It would be easy to adapt, but the football's not very attractive to me," said Lineker, adding that apart from AC Milan, Internazionale and Roma, Italian teams played "very slow football" and produced few goals.

"Lineker, who joined Barcelona in 1986 and was due to stay until 1992, has had an unhappy season under new Dutch coach Johan Cruyff.

He has played on the right wing rather than his favourite position of central striker and been left on the bench several times.

East Germany rout US in junior soccer

GLASGOW, Scotland, June 13, (AP): Strikers Toralf Konetzke and Frank Seifert each scored twice in the opening 32 minutes as East Germany crushed the United States 5-2 last night in the second round of the World Under-16 Soccer Championship.

East Germany, which also got a goal from Rene Rydlewicz early in the second half, virtually assured itself of a spot in the quarterfinals of the 16-team tournament.

The United States, which stunned Brazil 1-0 on Saturday in the opening game of the tournament, now must defeat Australia on Wednesday and hope Brazil cannot overcome East Germany. The Brazilians defeated Australia 3-1 yesterday and have a better goal differential than the Americans entering tomorrow's contests.

In other games yesterday around Scotland, 1985 winner Nigeria played to a scoreless tie with Argentina. China edged Canada 1-0 and Hassan Elsham scored just after halftime to give Bahrain a 1-0 victory over Ghana.

Kevin McGoldrick scored twice as Scotland exploded for three goals in nine minutes at the end of the first half to defeat Cuba 3-0. Guinea and Saudi Arabia tied 2-2 and Portugal defeated Colombia 3-2.



Leonard (right) gets out of Hearn's reach. (Reuters wirephoto)



The champion tries to get up in the third round. (Reuters wirephoto)



Hearn (left) and Leonard after the fight. (Reuters wirephoto)

Leonard and Hearn fight to draw

Champion rallies after being knocked down twice

LAS VEGAS, June 13, (Reuters): Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearn battered each other for 12 rounds in the desert heat last night only to end with a draw, allowing Leonard to hold onto his World Boxing Council super middleweight title.

Hearn knocked down Leonard twice — in the third and 11th rounds — but Leonard did his share of damage too, staggering Hearn several times, and it appeared he would knock out Hearn.

Judge Jerry Roth scored the fight 113-112 for Hearn, Tommy Kaczmarek had it 113-112 Leonard and Dalby Shirley scored it 112-112. The judges were Americans.

Many of the crowd of 15,336 booed the decision and chanted an obscenity at the result.

Leonard, a 3-1 favourite, was lustily booed as he left the ring in his red and white striped trunks with the Zulu word "Amandla" — freedom — inscribed on the waistband.

"I was throwing bombs and every time I thought I had him Ray would come right back with bombs of his own," Hearn said. Leonard said: "I felt it wasn't a draw."

Leonard put his arms around Hearn and said he was a tough fighter.

"I thought I was the winner. I can't say anything negative about Ray. I was looking for a win, but you know how that is," Hearn said.

On the subject of a rematch, which would be the third fight between the two, Leonard, who stopped Hearn in the 14th round in 1981, said to Hearn: "Are you talking rematch, Tommy?" Leonard said.

Hearn: "If you want to, I do." Leonard: "Let's go home and rest a while."

Hearn piled up a lead in the first four rounds including the knockdown of Leonard with a right above the left ear, following a right that moved the champion across the ring to the ropes.

Leonard, knocked down for only the third and fourth times of his career in the bout, was up at the count of five and took a mandatory eight count.

In the early rounds Leonard appeared content to wait for an opening and allow Hearn to do the work.

Leonard staggered Hearn with a left-right in the fifth round and Leonard furiously tried to end the fight by pounding on Hearn against the ropes.

Leonard won the fifth and sixth rounds but Hearn came back with mostly lefts to take the seventh and eighth rounds.

Hearn slowed in the beginning of the ninth and Leonard hurt him near the end of the round. Leonard won the 10th round as well.

Through the 10th round two judges had the fight even while

another judge had Leonard ahead by two points.

Hearn took the 11th round decisively, knocking down Leonard for a six count to win the round by two points on all three judges' scorecards.



Hearn (right) holds on to Leonard during the fight. (Reuters wirephoto)

Austrians aim to fight from the start

Iceland see chance of first Cup finals

REYKJAVIK, June 13, (Reuters): Iceland, who held the Soviet Union to a draw last month, will be seeking a first win and a boost to their outside hopes of qualifying for next year's World Cup finals when they meet reshuffled Austria tomorrow.

Iceland, fourth in European Group Three with three points from four games, could climb above third-placed Austria and draw level on points with second-placed Turkey if they win.

Their West German coach Siegfried Held, who played in the 1966 World Cup final against England, hopes the return of Stuttgart-based midfielder Asger Sigurvinsson will help his inexperienced team to victory.

Having twice held section leaders the Soviet

Union to a draw, most recently on May 31, Iceland are full of confidence as three of their final four matches are at home.

Austria, beaten 4-1 by Norway in a friendly last month, will be desperate to avoid another defeat and coach Josef Hickersberger has promised: "This will not be a game for spectators — but a fight from start to finish."

He has made several changes to his squad, dropping five players, including Austrian League top scorer Peter Pacult. Hickersberger will be relying on Gerhard Rodax and Seville-based striker Toni Polster to score the goals.

Iceland, a mixture of professionals and amateurs, hope to maintain the momentum of their unexpected 1-1 draw in Moscow last

month, but Sigurvinsson has warned not to expect too much.

Iceland — Bjarni Sigurdsson, Gudmundur Hreidarsson, Atli Edvaldsson, Agust Mar Jonsson, Gudni Bergsson, Gunnar Gislasen, Sigurdur Johsson, Saevar Jonsson Asgeir Sigurvinsson, Olafur Thordarson, Petur Arnthorsson, Runar Kristinnsson, Thorvaldur Orlyggsson Gudmundur, Torfason, Halldor Askelsson, Sigurdur Gretarsson.

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Addison to leave Atletico Madrid

MADRID, June 13, (Reuters): Atletico Madrid coach Colin Addison is to leave the club barely six months after taking over from sacked compatriot Ron Atkinson, president Jesus Gil said yesterday.

Addison, the third coach to leave the club this season and the fifth since the irascible Gil

arrived at Atletico two years ago, was quitting "by mutual agreement, as Addison is completely disappointed and depressed by our last two defeats against Real Madrid and Barcelona," Gil said.

Addison was not available for comment.

Atletico, fourth in the Spanish

League, are battling for a place in the UEFA Cup next season and are in the semifinals of the Spanish Cup.

But after losing 3-0 to Barcelona in the League on Saturday and 2-0 to Real in the Spanish Cup semifinal first leg in midweek, their chances of either are looking increasingly parlous.

Villa striker MUNICH, West Germany, June 13, (Reuters): West German League champions Bayern Munich will sign striker Alan McInally from English First Division soccer club Aston Villa for £1 million (\$1.5 million), Bayern spokesman Markus Hoerwicz said yesterday.

He said McInally would arrive in Munich today and settle the length of the contract.

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Faldo seeks to settle score in US Open



Faldo: seeks to win two Grand Slam events in a row.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., June 13, (Reuters): Nick Faldo will be looking to settle an old score and add the year's second Grand Slam golf title to his collection of silverware when he tees off in the US Open at the Oak Hill Country Club on Thursday.

Faldo, his confidence high after back-to-back victories in the British PGA and British Masters championships, placed the US Masters' green jacket in his wardrobe after a playoff win over American Scott Hoch in April.

However, the 31-year-old Briton has painful memories of last year's US Open at the Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts.

At the final hole American Curtis Strange blasted out of a bunker to within two feet of the cup to save par and tie with Faldo. The following day Strange carded 71 to Faldo's 75 in their 18-hole playoff.

After an abbreviated tour yesterday of the tree-lined, par 70 Oak Hill East course designed 63 years ago by Donald Ross, Faldo said he was looking forward to the second of the year's golf's majors.

"Playing in the majors is what turns us on."

While another US Open showdown between Faldo and Strange would make for great

theatre, historical precedent is stacked against them both.

Faldo is trying to become the first golfer since Jack Nicklaus in 1972 to claim the first two major titles in a given year.

The odds appear even longer against Strange holding on to his crown. The last golfer to win successive US Opens was Ben Hogan in 1951.

Oak Hill's narrow fairways, however, punish errant drives and reward accuracy and patience — qualities both men share in abundance.

Strange knows the history lesson but is undaunted.

"Winning the Open back-to-back hasn't been done in 38 years. I know the odds are against me, even if I'm playing well," said Strange, who in 1988 became the first US Tour player to earn more than a million dollars in one year. "But I have high expectations."

Faldo is also confident about his chances to score well on the 6,902-yard course.

"It's a good course, a lovely golf course," he said. "You've got to play good golf, hit the fairways, which are very narrow, and hit the greens."

"I'm going very well. I just have to try to keep it rolling."

One of golf's steadiest players from tee to green, Faldo has

rediscovered his renowned putting touch since switching putters at the US Masters.

"I'm still using the same putter as at the Masters," he said. "Hopefully, it hasn't lost its charm."

The 156-strong field includes an impressive foreign contingent in Seve Ballesteros of Spain, Australian Greg Norman, Sandy Lyle of Britain and West German Bernhard Langer.

They will be striving to become the first non-American to win the Open since Briton Tony Jacklin in 1970.

Joining Strange among the leading American contenders for the \$200,000 first prize are Tom Kite, Tom Watson, Mark Calcavecchia, Hoch and Rochester native Jeff Sluman, who honed his game on the stately confines of Oak Hill.

Also in with a chance, as always, is Jack Nicklaus, who won the first of his four US open titles 27 years ago.

The 49-year-old Nicklaus, who confounded the odds by winning the 1986 Masters for his 18th major title, will be making his 33rd Open appearance.

Scores of US club professionals and amateurs are also competing in the tournament, which required 101 players to qualify in sectional play while guaranteeing entry to just 55.

Llewellyn wins Scottish Rally

GLASGOW, June 13, (Reuters): Welshman David Llewellyn, driving a Toyota Celica GT4, yesterday confirmed his status as one of Europe's leading rally stars when he won the three-day Scottish International Rally.

While Llewellyn celebrated his third British Open Championship victory in four outings, there was major disappointment for the many supporters of Dubai's Sheikh Ahmed bin Khalifa Al

Maktoum who had fought through the field of 17th place overall before the engine of his Emirates-sponsored Mitsubishi Galant failed on the 29th of the rally's 35 special stages.

Sheikh Ahmed making his rallying debut outside the Middle East, had been cheered vigorously by the thousands of people who had lined this arduous route through the forests of Scotland.



Tigers Ken Williams steals 2nd base with a head first slide as Blue Jay shortstop Tony fails to make a tag. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rangers take Angels to task

ARLINGTON, Texas, June 13, (AP): Mike Jeffcoat pitched a five-hitter for his first Major-League shutout and Julio Franco drove in two runs, leading the Texas Rangers past the California Angels 4-0 last night.

Jeffcoat, 2-0, made his third start for the Rangers since joining the club from Class AAA Oklahoma City on May 31. He struck out five and walked two in sending the Angels to their fifth straight loss.

Jeffcoat, who also pitched his first complete game in the majors, was signed as a free agent by the Rangers in December 1986 after playing for Cleveland and San Francisco.

Francisco became the first Rangers second baseman to hit 10 home runs in a season with a solo homer in the sixth inning off Mike Witt, 3-7, to give Texas a 4-0 lead. The record of nine was held by Bump Wills and Tott Harrah. Franco's 56 RBIs were two more than he had all of last season with Cleveland.

Elsewhere yesterday, it was Kansas City 2, Oakland 1; Toronto 5, Detroit 4; Chicago 5, Cleveland 3.

Royals 2, Athletics 1. Jim Eisenreich's run-scoring single with two outs in the 11th inning gave Kansas City a victory over Oakland. The victory went to reliever Tom Gordon, 8-2.

Blue Jays 5, Tigers 4. Kelly Gruber's fifth hit of the game, a two-run double with two outs in the 11th inning, lifted Toronto over Detroit. Tom Henke, 4-3, got the victory.

White Sox 5, Indians 3.

Steve Rosenberg won for the first time in five Major-League starts and Rich Yeti was chased without relieving a batter as Chicago beat Cleveland.

Cubs 10, Cardinals 9. Ryne Sandberg drove in three runs with three hits, including a two-run homer, and Jerome Walton had a career-high four hits as Chicago beat St. Louis 10-3 yesterday, ending the Cardinals' five-game winning streak.

"It's nice to bounce back after what happened yesterday," said Steve Wilson, one of six Cubs pitchers shelled in Sunday's loss.

With scheduled starter Rick Sutcliffe, sidelined by back spasms, Wilson made his first Major-League start and allowed three hits in five innings. Wilson, 3-0, walked one and struck out three.

"What did I tell you," Cardinal manager Whitey Herzog said. "They beat the heck out of us. It always happens when you figure to win. Give the kid credit. He did a good job considering he pitched yesterday and gave them five innings today."

Dodgers 9, Reds 2.

Willie Randolph drove in four runs with a two-run double and a pair of run-scoring groundouts and Kirk Gibson had three hits. Mike Morgan, 5-4, got the victory.

New York at Pittsburgh was postponed because of rain.

Southland overcome France

INVERCARGILL, New Zealand, June 13, (Reuters): France suffered the first defeat of their rugby union tour of New Zealand today when plucky Southland beat them 12-7.

France forced four scrums on the Southland line in the closing minutes, but the home defence held firm as a number of French players charged for the line.

The luck that allowed the touring team to escape defeat against Manawatu last Saturday deserted them for the third match of their eight-game tour.

The win was the first by a New Zealand provincial side against France since Southland won 12-11 here 10 years ago.

The French scraped to wins in their first two games but on present form their chances look slim for Saturday's clash with the All Blacks.

Fullback Eion Crossan kicked four difficult penalty goals for Southland, while the French points came from a penalty and a try by winger Philippe Berot.

French coach Jacques Fouroux said he was disappointed by the lack of heart among his players. "When it is a case of new players not playing very well, then it's not so serious," he said.

"But when the fault is with the older players, who should be showing the way to the younger players, then what can you say?"

But Fouroux noted that when Southland beat France in 1979, the touring team went on to defeat New Zealand 24-19 in the second Test in Auckland.

British Lions set to meet Australia B

MELBOURNE, June 13, (Reuters): British Lion's coach Iam McGeechan is aware his side will have to be on top form to overcome Australia B in the second game of their 12-match tour tomorrow.

The B side contains seven players who represented the Wallabies in the Tests against England and Scotland last year and all seven are now trying for a place in the side for the first Test on July 1.

The Lions had a useful warm-up against Western Australia on Saturday, winning 44-0 against what will probably be their weakest opponents.

But only one of that side, winger Ieuan Evans, will front against Australia B in line with McGeechan's policy of playing every member of the party in the first two games.

McGeechan admits this lack of match play is worrying ahead of one of the tour's toughest encounters.

Unity and Al Hilal reach hockey tourney final

UNITY and Al Hilal reached the final of the Champions Trophy hockey tournament at the Ahmadi grounds earlier this week. Unity beat Flying Arrows while Al Hilal tamed Kuwait Independents.

Al Hilal went ahead through Mahmoud on a pass by Zubair. Independents tried to get the equaliser but Gohar sealed their fate by scoring for Al Hilal to make the

final score 2-0.

In the second semifinal, both the teams were without some of their regular players but still produced an excellent game of hockey.

The first half was dominated by Flying Arrows but their forwards failed to finish their moves well. Unity fought back in the

second half to take control of the match.

Unity got a chance to score when Liaquat dribbled past the Flying Arrows' defence but delayed in pushing the ball into the goal, giving the rival goalkeeper enough time to effect a save.

Flying Arrows' goalkeeper Victor had a splendid game and made a number of saves. Both the sides failed to score in the

normal time and the game went into extra time.

Unity got the lone goal of the match through Liaquat in the second half of the extra time.

On Friday, Unity met Flying Arrows again in the semifinals of the Punjab Shield at 5.00 pm.

Australia demolish England

Border & Co. win first Ashes Test

LEEDS, England, June 13. (Reuters): A superb display of bowling by Terry Alderman coupled with an inept display of batting by England saw Australia take a 1-0 lead in the Ashes series with a comprehensive 210-run win in the first cricket Test at Headingley today.

Alderman took five wickets for the second time in the match for an analysis of 10 for 151 to destroy England's efforts to force a draw.

Set an impossible task of scoring 402 to win in 83 overs, England collapsed against the Australian seamers.

Only opener Graham Gooch showed any real resistance with 68 accrued over almost three hours.

But when he left, leg before to Merv Hughes, England's hopes of saving the match disappeared.

Australia's captain Allan Border had earlier been ultra-cautious, batting on for one ball under 10 overs as he and Dean Jones added a further 72 runs to their overnight 158 for three.

Border had taken his score to 60 and Jones to 40 when he declared at 230 for three, leaving England needing to survive for



Border slices the ball to the boundary for four runs. (Reuters wirephoto)

just over five hours to force a draw.

That left England the almost impossible target of 402 to win in just over five hours and they never attempted the task.

But they also never displayed

the determination required to

save the Test, an attitude best illustrated by the dismissal of captain David Gower.

Flicking casually and unnecessarily at Geoff Lawson down the leg side, he was caught by wick-

etkeeper Ian Healy for 34.

When the paceman had one of England's innings successes Robin Smith caught in the slips without scoring shortly afterwards matters looked grave for England.

Merv Hughes then almost certainly put the issue beyond doubt by having Gooch leg before.

Alderman had earlier set Australia on course for victory by taking the first three wickets — Chris Broad for seven, Kim Barnett for 34 and first innings century-maker Allan Lamb for four.

He then completed a miserable Test for England all-rounder Derek Pringle by having him caught before he had scored by Border in the slips just before the interval.

By that time Border's ultra-caution at the beginning of the day was certainly proved unnecessary.

Border and Jones were robbed of three overs yesterday by a controversial umpiring decision to stop play in poor light and drizzle.

Scoreboard

Australia first innings 601 for seven declared (S. Waugh 177 not

out, M. Taylor 136, D. Jones 79, M. Hughes 71, A. Border 66)

ENGLAND first innings 430 (A. Lamb 125, K. Barnett 80, R. Smith 66, T. Alderman five for 107)

Australia second innings (overnight 158 for three)

M. Taylor c Broad b Pringle.....60

G. Gooch lbw b Hughes.....43

D. Boon lbw b De Freitas.....43

A. Border not out.....60

D. Jones not out.....40

Extras (lb-2 lb-5 w-3 nb-5).....21

Total (for three wickets, declared) 230

Fall of wickets: 1-14 2-97 3-129

Bowling: Foster 19-4-65-1, De Freitas 18-2-76-1, Pringle 12-5-1-60-1, Newport 5-2-22-0.

ENGLAND second innings

C. Broad lbw b Alderman.....68

K. Barnett c Taylor b Alderman.....34

A. Lamb c Boon b Alderman.....4

D. Gower c Healy b Lawson.....34

R. Smith c Border b Lawson.....0

D. Pringle c Border b Alderman.....0

P. Newport c Marsh b Alderman.....6

R. Russell c Healy b Hughes.....21

P. De Freitas b Hughes.....21

Neil Foster not out.....1

Extras (lb-4 lb-3 nb-5).....12

Total.....191

Fall of wickets: 1-172 2-67 3-77 4-134 5-34 6-153 7-153 8-166 9-170

Extras (lb-2 lb-5 w-3 nb-5).....21

Result: Australia won by 210 runs

Second Test: June 22-27 at Lord's

Somerset take first innings lead

Dilley grabs five wickets

LONDON, June 13. (Reuters): While England's bowlers toiled with little success against the Australians at Headingley, Test discard Graham Dilley blasted back onto the country scene with five for 42 yesterday, fully recovered from injury.

It was an encouraging display following Dilley's knee operation last month and put Worcester in a commanding position on the second day of their three-day match against Derbyshire.

He confirmed his recovery with an 80-minute morning spell in which he claimed three for 11 in 10 overs and was mainly responsible for Derbyshire being dismissed for 157 in reply to Worcester's first innings 220.

Paul Bent scored a career best 54 not out to take the home side to 172 for three in their second innings by the close, a lead of 235.

A duck is a familiar term in cricket but it was the imminent arrival of the stork that came to Somerset's assistance against Yorkshire at Taunton.

After seamer Paul Jarvis had taken two wickets

in the space of five balls, he raced away to be with his pregnant wife in hospital and in his absence Somerset recovered to take a first innings lead.

A marathon century by opener Peter Roebuck, who faced 322 balls in scoring 103 in six hours 23 minutes, enabled Somerset to reach 299 in reply to Yorkshire's 239.

Yorkshire were 25 for one in their second innings at the end of play.

In a high scoring match at the Oval, John Stephenson hit a personal championship best of 114, his third century of the season, to take Essex to 260 for six in reply to Surrey's first innings 395 for five declared.

Earlier Alec Stewart had scored the first double century of his career as Surrey decided to bat on from their overnight 324 for four.

Stewart was unbeaten at the declaration with 206 made in 458 minutes from 363 deliveries and containing a six and 23 fours.

Argentina dispels doubts over basketball tourney

BUENOS AIRES, June 13. (Reuters): Organisers confirmed yesterday that the 1990 World Basketball Championships in Argentina would take place, dispelling doubts earlier in the day about their ability to host the tournament.

"The possibility of cancelling the championships in Argentina has never been discussed," the Argentine organising committee said in a telex to the International Basketball Federation (FIBA).

"We are firmly decided to press on with the greatest zeal to hold what will doubtlessly be the best ever organised tournament."

FIBA secretary Borislav Stan-

kovic, speaking in the Yugoslav city of Paula, had earlier raised doubts about Argentina's chances of holding the championships, scheduled for August 8-19, 1990.

Argentina is suffering its worst ever economic crisis, coupled with a transition period from one government to another.

A top official of the Argentine organising committee will travel shortly to Mexico — venue of a qualifying event — and later to Yugoslavia with a message from President-elect Carlos Menem saying the organisation of the championships will be a priority in his government's sport policy, the committee said.

Michel wants to leave Real

MADRID, June 13. (Reuters): Real Madrid midfielder Michel Gonzalez who stalked off the pitch in the middle of his team's League title-clinching triumph against Espanol last Sunday said today he is sick of the pressure and wants to leave the club.

"I don't want to spend every day under examination by the public or have my performance in every match criticised," Michel told reporters after being called to explain his behaviour to club president Ramon Mendoza.

On Sunday two minutes before halftime he mis-kicked a pass into a cluster of Espanol players he responded to the heckling by leaving the pitch without waiting for a substitute.

"I'm tired of the travel and I'm tired of the lifestyle," she declared. "I still love tennis, but I

have stopped having fun mainly because I find the business side of the sport so overwhelming."

"There are just so many tournaments the top players have to support. Look at Bjorn Borg. At the age of 26 he wanted to play less and the authorities reaction was 'OK, you will have to qualify from now on.'"

"How can you make someone like him do that?" she asked.

"I may come back and find myself playing the best tennis of my career, or I may find myself tired of working hard and training to remain competitive with the top five in the sport."

"Maybe I'll be happier ranked 20 or 30 in the world, or perhaps it would be best to go back home to Baltimore and just teach some kids and enjoy the sport. I'll make up my mind after the US Open."

Shriver hopes to continue playing doubles at the highest level and in team events like the Federation and Wightman Cups.

Her ultimate ambition is to team up with long-time partner Martina Navratilova to win a gold medal at the next Olympics.



Johnson (left) being escorted to the Dublin Inquiry by his sister Deserine and lawyer Ed Futerman. (Reuters wirephoto)

Johnson should face life ban, says official

LONDON, June 13. (Reuters): Disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson should never be allowed to compete internationally again after admitting he took steroids, a leading anti-drugs campaigner said today.

Sir Arthur Gold, chairman of the British Olympic Association, said: "I hope that he is never permitted to compete at the highest level again."

Johnson, who was stripped of his Olympic 100 metres gold medal after failing a dope test, could, in theory, be back in com-

petitions. Even more seriously, he has admitted using drugs for six years in which time he has so changed his physique that, even if he never used drugs again, he would retain the innate "benefit" of all the steroids he has used in the past," Gold said.

Peter Elliott, Britain's Olympic 1,500 metres silver medalist, also called for a life ban on Johnson.

Johnson today admitted cheating and lying about steroids at the 1988 Olympics, then appealed for a chance to compete

Johnson admitted today that he took illegal steroid drugs for two months before he went to Rome in 1987 and set the world record for the 100 metres that still stands. On his second day of testimony to a government inquiry, Johnson made his admission with a simple one word answer of "yes" — just the way he confessed yesterday that he began using steroids in 1981.

petition next year after completing a two-year suspension imposed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Johnson admitted he had taken the steroids in sworn testimony before a Canadian government enquiry yesterday.

"To cheat at the Olympics is the very negation of the Olympic

again for Canada.

"I want to tell them to be honest, don't take drugs," he said would be his message to youth.

The sprinter said he wanted to compete for Canada in the 1992 Olympics. Asked if he could be the fastest without drugs, Johnson replied: "I know I can be."

Shriver admits tennis career at crossroads

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 13. (Reuters): Pam Shriver admitted today that her tennis career is at a "crossroads."

The tall American, aged 26 and ranked eighth in the world, said she is struggling to deal with life on the world tennis circuit and with the attitude of the game's authorities.

She added that she will decide on the course of her career after the US Open in September.

Shriver, a US Open semifinalist at the age of 16, has played just four singles tournaments this year after drastically cutting back to rediscover her hunger for success.

At the Edgbaston Cup event here — which she has won a record four times — she said: "I don't know if I have my appetite back. I'm very much at a crossroads trying to decide where my singles career is going."

"After 10 to 11 years of continual play I just needed to take a pause. I can't be motivated two weeks before Wimbledon, or at Wimbledon itself, then I really do have a problem."

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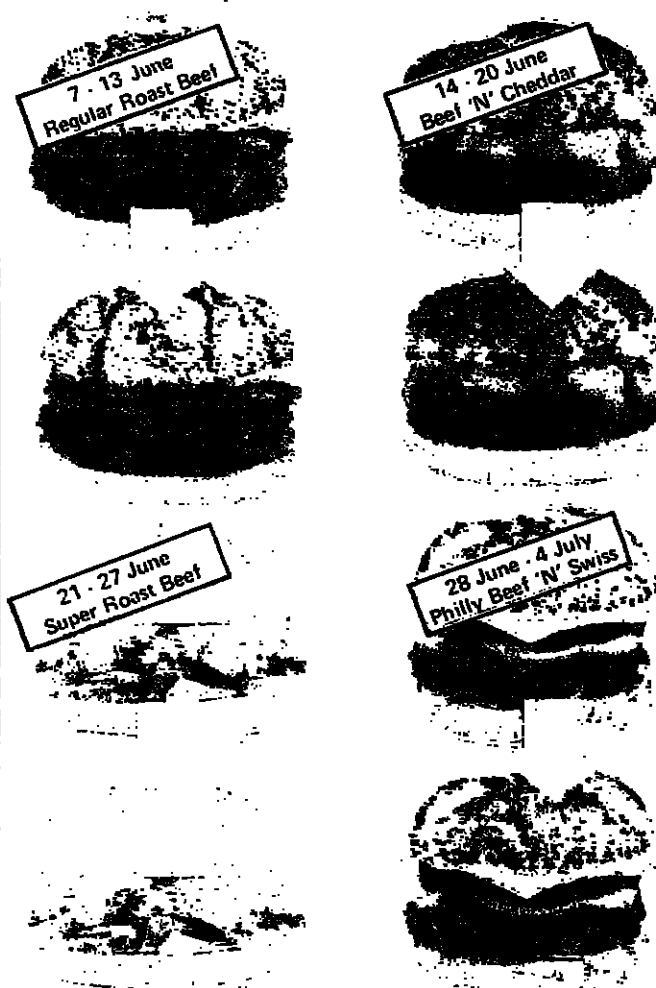
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I can still win Wimbledon: Connors

EDINBURG, Scotland, June 13. (Reuters): Jimmy Connors, the old streetfighter in a sport populated by youngsters less than half his age, defies anyone to dismiss him as a Wimbledon contender.

Still fit, healthy and athletic at 37, the American arrived in Edinburgh yesterday not contemplating retirement just yet and looking forward to his 18th attempt at the All-England title he won in 1974 and 82.

"Okay I'm 37 and don't recuperate as quickly as I used to... but you never know what can happen," said Connors as he prepared for his first match today in the Craiglockhart grass court tournament.

"Long matches take their toll on me a bit, but Wimbledon is on grass where the points go a little faster and the matches aren't as long. If I get on a roll and feel good and start playing well, and somebody else doesn't feel so good, who knows?"

"It's like gambling. Every time you walk out you're gambling on

your game and your reputation," said Connors, who has opted for the Scottish event just to play "somewhere different."

He explained: "This is a nice change. I played at Queen's and supported it for 12 or 14 years but I've come here to get out of London for a week. If you spend too much time in one place you tend to get a little stale. Hopefully when I go back to London I'll get straight into the groove."

Connors insists his love affair with tennis is still as strong as ever — and that he will know when it is time to stop. "My enthusiasm comes from really enjoying the game. That's why I've stayed around so long. When my tennis days are over I'll go into something different to occupy my time."

"But it will be in business. Instead of putting on shorts and carrying my racquets around, I'll put on a suit and use my mind more. I've been preparing for that event for 10 years but I'll know when it's going to happen. "Five or six years ago people



Jimmy Connors

were pounding me to find out when I would retire. My brother, John, looked at me and said:

"Why should I stop something I enjoy and make a hell of a living at?" He's right. Not many people can say they enjoy going to work — but I'm one of these guys."

Connors also looked at the weekend victories of 17-year-olds Michael Chang and Arantxa Sanchez in the French Open and pleaded for more signs of emerging personality. "The youths is the future of the game and for them to show promise is very good for tennis. On the other hand the game used to be full of personalities and I think it needs that."

"I hope someone along the line breaks through and brings that back into the game. People want to see a smile, a frown, a laugh, a cry. They want emotions. That's what I think... but then I'm just one guy out of 600 players," he added with mock modesty.

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